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## ARABS DEFY UN ORDER

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#### Jerusalem Mayor

London, May 24.  
Harold Evans, Philadelphia religious leader who has been appointed temporary Mayor of Jerusalem by the United Nations, left early today for Cairo.  
He said he would not go to Jerusalem until fighting ceased there.—United Press.

## Schacht Backs Marshall Aid

#### Ludwigshurg, Germany.

May 24.  
Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Reichsbank President under Adolf Hitler, says the Marshall Plan is "an excellent start" toward rebuilding European economy.  
He favours the recent move toward a federated union of European nations. All in all, the old Nazi financier thinks "the western world is moving entirely in the right direction. And for this I give the greatest credit to American politics."  
Schacht made these statements in an interview in his prison hospital room where he is serving an eight-year prison sentence imposed by a German court for his support of Nazism. Schacht talked freely and was bitter only when discussing his conviction.  
He called it "a fantastic injustice." The 71-year-old financier said he was confident of acquittal when he gets a new hearing in June. "I have lots of new evidence."  
Schacht had two warnings about the Marshall Plan for European recovery:  
1—Whether it works "will depend on how its funds are used."  
2—It must be followed up by assuring a market for the goods to produce.  
"The money should be applied so as to enable Germany and other European countries to produce goods and machinery to the greatest extent by their own forces," he said. "What Europe needs are raw materials."  
"I am looking already ahead of the Marshall Plan. In my present situation I am not able to discuss this problem, but I hope to get my rehabilitation soon. Then I would be glad to help in economic fields. But I do not want to go back to public political life."—Associated Press.

#### TOKYO-ALASKA TRAINING FLIGHTS

Tokyo, May 24.  
The first American B-29 superfortress from Alaska, arrived at the Yokota air base near Tokyo over the weekend, opening a series of training flights to be made between American air bases in Alaska and Japan, the United States Air Force authorities announced here today.  
The missions are to test maintenance and operational efficiency in long over-water flights.—Reuter.

## Naval Hospital To Become Sanatorium

The former Royal Naval Hospital, opposite the junction of Kennedy Road and Queen's Road East, will be formally handed over to the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association on June 1 to be converted into a permanent Anti-Tuberculosis Sanatorium, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The Sanatorium will be staffed by the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban with Sister Mary Aquinas Murphy as the house-surgeon.

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## No Letup In Fighting

Bagdad, May 24.

The Arab armies will continue fighting in Palestine and will accept only the unconditional surrender of the Jewish forces, it was stated here officially today.

No notice will be taken of the Security Council's request for a cease fire.

The United States was preparing to press a move to brand the Arabs international aggressors if they defied the cease-fire order.

The Government of Israel announced last night that it would comply with the order "provided the other side acts likewise at the same time."

At Lake Success the United Nations will take up the case of the Communists rise to power in Czechoslovakia as Palestine presents nothing for immediate action. It is understood.

In the Security Council American Delegate Warren Austin was believed to have placed the strongest possible interpretation on the council's cease-fire order in order to lay the groundwork for economic sanctions and use of force if the council's appeal did not stop the conflict.

Columbia and Canada, whose wavering on Saturday upset the American plan, are now likely to move over to the side of the United States and Russia.

Meanwhile, there was no letup in the Palestine fighting.

Two Arab planes made another bombing attack on Tel-Aviv.

Seaghar Maynes, Reuters Special Correspondent, says that if Arab sappers keep up the present rate of their demolitions, they will have wiped out every single building of the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem within a week.

"Under the vast smoke-clouds which overhangs the old walled city, I watched great explosions rip the Jewish buildings into shattered ruins, as the Arab Legion moved in irregularly, slowly advanced, house by house, into the quarter."

"Hundreds of trapped Haganah and Irgun men are fighting to the death in the ruins and underground tunnels."

**Shelling Stopped**

"The hottest fighting was in the Jewish occupied new Jerusalem, between the Damascus and New gates in the Notre Dame Hospital area, where billowing clouds of smoke poured from burning buildings."

"Arab Legion guns launched a heavy bombardment on Jewish positions, in new Jerusalem. The Arab Legion put down a barrage on Jerusalem's railway station after Jews had been seen concentrating armoured cars and buses. The Arabs claimed that five buses were destroyed, including one containing what was believed to be a six-pounder gun."

"Challenged by the Jewish-held Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, overlooking the Legion positions, was stopped yesterday on instructions of the Legion Supreme Headquarters. Negotiations about the university and the nearby hospital were reported to have begun."

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## Second Talk With Bevin

London, May 24.

Mr. Lewis Douglas (American Ambassador) called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, for the second time within 48 hours to discuss American relations, particularly over Palestine.

They talked for only an hour in Mr. Bevin's office. Afterwards Mr. Douglas told newsmen their conversation covered a wide range of subjects. He said Palestine was mentioned "briefly."

The meeting came at a time when concern was growing in British political and diplomatic quarters over the widening gulf between American and British foreign policy in Palestine and the Middle East.—United Press.

## Battle Element

Jerusalem, May 24.

Water is an element in the battle and this is the way the Jews have been ordered exactly how to use the two gallons per day each gets.

"They may drink half a gallon. The rest they can use in any way they wish but must use it over and over."

Housewives are advised to soak clothes for a full day in a small amount of water, then add soap and leave in the sun for several hours before scrubbing.

Water used to wash food is used to wash dishes.

Water used to wash the body is added to laundry water and then used for scrubbing floors and then finally to flush toilet.—United Press.

Three armed robbers entered an unnumbered hut at Tel-Kil Village, Pung Shan, at about 5 p.m. yesterday. The amount of their loot has not yet been ascertained.

#### PICTURE OF THE DAY

## Palestine Lament



Pipers of the 1st Bn. Highland Light Infantry playing a lament on "The Hill of Evil Council," near Government House, Jerusalem, as the Colours were hauled down for the last time on May 14. The British Mandate ended at midnight.

## 100 Oil Workers Stage Walkout

More than 100 workers at the Tsun Wan oil installations of the Texas Co. (China), Ltd., staged a walk-out yesterday morning protesting against the dismissal of three of their colleagues.

Ships, putting into Hong Kong for refuelling at Tsun Wan on Sunday and yesterday are now tied up awaiting settlement of the strike or procurement of fuel from other sources.

Representatives of the workers and the management of Texas met at the Labour Office yesterday morning to iron out their differences. But by last night, no settlement had yet been reached.

Dispute between workers and management began a fortnight ago following the dismissal of one employee. Negotiations were started with the employers and it was agreed to meet at the Labour Office yesterday morning.

On Saturday, however, two more workers were dismissed. As a result more than 100 men walked out yesterday morning. One of the ships tied up in the harbour as a result of the strike.

## TOJO TRIAL LAWYERS OBJECT TO DISMISSAL

Tokyo, May 24.

A group of American lawyers in the Tojo trial today vigorously petitioned Gen. Douglas MacArthur against a SCAP order firing them before the verdict on the major Japanese defendants and ordering them to return to the United States.

The order was received individually from two weeks to one week ago and the recipients were told that their services with the International Tribunal for the Far East were no longer required in view of the completion of their mission.

It was understood that the order would affect nine of the American defence panel while SCAP notified five of their colleagues that they may remain in Tokyo until the verdict—which is now expected to take place in early or middle July.

High SCAP sources, who refused to be quoted, explained the order was part of an economy drive and an attempt at forming part of the general programme to reduce the occupation cost burden on the American taxpayer.

It was understood the petition was based on the argument that the Japanese defendants and also general usage whereby the defence counsel is permitted to be present in court throughout a trial up to the time of the verdict.

It was also pointed out the defence lawyers desire to remain until the last day of the trial because their clients may need their services for appealing against sentences to Gen. MacArthur or to the United States Supreme Court or any other appropriate machinery.—United Press.

## WONG APPROVED AS NEW CHINA PREMIER

Nanking, May 24.

Wong Wen-hao's nomination as Premier was approved by the Legislative Yuan today by 489 votes. Only 94 voted against him.

Wong, nominated by President Chiang Kai-shek after several others had rejected the post, is presently Chairman of the National Resource Commission.

## Extra Red Railway Police

Berlin, May 24.

The Russian controlled radio announced today that extra detachments of the German railway police have been ordered to all Berlin railway stations, including the Western sectors, to "guarantee unimpeded carrying out" of the Communist sponsored people's petition for a plebiscite on uniting Germany.

The move raised a threat of open clashes between the Russian controlled railway police and their American and French controlled colleagues. The Americans and French banned the petition in their zones and Communists collecting signatures on Sunday were ordered to keep moving.

The Communist radio said Railway President Erwin Kreisky never ordered extra police of duty.

Russian and German Communists contend that since the Berlin rail system is under Russian control this control extends to all railway stations in the city.—United Press.

## Cardinal's Appeal To Youth

Warsaw, May 24.

August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, in a pastoral letter read yesterday called on Polish youth to "reject the whole flood of materialistic literature" in the schools.

The Cardinal breaking silence of nearly one year, said: "The Catholic Church cannot consent to the education of Catholic youth without God. You must reject the whole flood of materialistic literature but keep your systematic studies in school for just appreciation of the great problems of humanity."

The letter said Poland is facing a great test with current social and economic problems under the new order "which has laid down that the only worthy objective of man is to devote his life to material progress."

"Do not fear that if your religion is a Christian you will be apart from the group and community of Polish youth," it added.—United Press.

## Exercise Bamboo

Cambridge, Surrey, May 24.

One hundred top-ranking officers of the three British Services, and nine of the Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, South African and Southern Rhodesian services, met at the Staff College, Cambridge, today for the start of Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery's third annual exercise—"exercise bamboo."

The Chief of the Imperial Staff has as his object the study of problems involved in the planning and execution of mobile operations in a Far East theatre of war.—Reuter.

## The Weather

An anticyclone is centred over West China while a tide extends westward from the Pacific anticyclone to the China Sea. From a depression over Yunnan a trough stretches ENE across the Eastern Sea and Kruha to another depression over Manchuria.

Forecast: Light S. or S.W. winds. Thunder showers during the morning. Weather otherwise fair.

Yesterday's Weather:  
Maximum: 81.6 deg. F.  
Minimum: 60.8 deg. F.  
Sunshine: 8.5 hours.

Forecast: Total since Jan. 1—80.8 mm.—1.14 in. a series, an average of 60.8 mm.—19.01 in. Readings at:  
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1 p.m. 101.7 100.0 m.h.  
4 p.m. 101.7 100.0 m.h.  
7 p.m. 101.7 100.0 m.h.  
Rel. Humidity 88 77 %  
Dew Point 79 70 deg. F.  
Wind Direction W by N 25 W  
Wind Force 1-4 m.p.h.  
Tide:  
High 1001 7.1  
Low 982 8.3  
Moon 17.6 2.5  
(All the above times are S.E.A. Standard Time.)

## Bad Writing Helped Germans

London, May 24.

The bad writing of a British Navy man contributed to the misfortunes of the Mediterranean Fleet during its unsuccessful efforts to prevent the Germans occupying the island of Crete in 1941, official dispatches disclosed here tonight.

It was this error, which contributed to the later loss of the two British destroyers Kelly and Kashmir, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Governor-General of India, then a captain commanding the 6th Destroyer Flotilla, was among the survivors of the Kelly, picked up from the water.

Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Mediterranean Commander-in-Chief, at the time, reported in his dispatches to the Admiralty that at a crucial moment in the Navy's battle with the massed German air strength, he received a message that the British battleships had been out of ammunition of their multi-barrelled anti-aircraft "Pom Pom" guns.

**Withdrawal Order**  
Orders were consequently given for the British Naval forces to withdraw from Crete and return to Alexandria.

In fact, Admiral Cunningham reported that the message he received from the Rear-Admiral commanding the 7th Cruiser Squadron gave a false impression "owing to a telegraphic error." The British battleships had plenty of Pom Pom ammunition.

The despatches, published by the Admiralty tonight, cover the Navy's defence of Crete against German airborne invasion troops from May 18 to 27, 1941 and the subsequent evacuation of about 17,000 British and Imperial troops, which continued until June 1.

Crete was the first example in history of an island captured by airborne forces. Before the battle, Admiral Cunningham said, he appeared almost inconceivable could succeed against forewarned troops.

The British Fleet, however, operated almost entirely without air support, while the Germans carried out a sustained air attack, believed to have exceeded anything experienced up to that time.—Reuter.

#### BRITISH "SPIES"

Tel-Aviv, May 24.

British newspaper correspondents in Tel-Aviv were today accused by the spokesman of Irgun Zvai Leumi with being involved in spying against Israel.

The spokesman demanded a thorough investigation of all correspondents.—United Press.



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# WOOD MURDER TRIAL SURVIVOR OF ATTACK GIVES EVIDENCE

The murder of Lytton Bevis Wood on a path leading from Lion Rock to Shatin on the afternoon of Feb. 11, while hiking with Mr. George Ronald Ross, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when the trial of three Chinese on a charge of murder commenced before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) and a Special Jury.

Accused are Lau Hoi alias Lau Yuen-hoi, 20, unemployed, Ho Cheuk-kui, 28, unemployed, and Li Chung-chun alias Li Chung-sang, 32, gardener. The case for the prosecution is being conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. H. T. Matthes.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, is appearing for all three accused. In the course of his opening, Mr. Lonsdale requested the jury to remember the significance of the day on which the murder occurred, Feb. 11, and Mr. Lonsdale was the second day of the Chinese New Year, a day which would stand out in the memory of Chinese, particularly the literate. At about 3 p.m. Messrs. Ross and Wood were seen to go for a walk in the New Territories, which they did. A taxi was engaged and on reaching the 5 1/2 mile station, Ross and Wood alighted. They walked along a path towards Statue Rock. After walking for about 45 minutes, they reached a spot where they stopped for a brief rest.

## Revolver Produced

Four Chinese were seen coming down the path from the direction of Kowloon Pass. Ross and Wood stopped to one side to allow the men to pass. At that stage, both Ross and Wood were engaged by two of the men, who proceeded to attack them. A revolver was produced by one of the Chinese and pointed at Ross, who heard a distinct click. Fortunately, the revolver misfired.

Both Ross and Wood were overpowered by their assailants and while they were on the ground, they were robbed. The four Chinese then retired a short distance and were heard to consult together. One of them whom Ross had struck with a stick during the struggle returned to the spot where Ross lay and beat him, also with a stick.

Ross was then tied up by two men. His hands and legs were bound and a handkerchief was also tied tightly round his neck so that he could not breathe. Ross regained consciousness. He was then taken down the path and dumped among the undergrowth, while additional undergrowth was piled on top of him for the object of concealment.

It was submitted by Mr. Lonsdale that on the evidence, there was an attempt to murder Ross. It was further submitted that at the time Ross was dumped in the undergrowth, Wood had not been removed, because Ross heard scuffles and noises later and from the light of after events, it must be concluded that Wood was removed from the path after Ross had been dumped in the undergrowth.

After he had been dumped in the undergrowth, Ross heard the men departing in one's and two's down the path. He waited for about 10 minutes and then called out softly to Wood, but received no reply. He released himself and went to look for Wood.

Eventually he found Wood lying with his face in a pool and with a piece of cloth over his mouth. Ross said that he did not come to grips with his assailants before being overpowered, but believed Wood did so as he was not carrying any stick.

## No Marks Found

First accused alleged he was struck on the chest; he was immediately sent to Hospital for an examination, but no marks were found on his body. Allegations that they had been assaulted were also made by the second and third accused. The latter was arrested on May 6, after he had been questioned by the Police. Mr. Lonsdale said that it would be for the Court to decide whether the statements made by the accused were given voluntarily or otherwise. In conclusion, Mr. Lonsdale said that any person aiding in a common purpose during which Wood was killed would be equally guilty of murder and it did not matter whether any of the accused actually committed the crime.

Cross-examined, Mr. George Ronald Ross, who had given evidence in support of Mr. Lonsdale's opening, said that from the time of his phoning up for a taxi to the time they actually obtained a taxi, not more than five minutes elapsed. He started out on his journey with Mr. Wood at 2.55 p.m. Mr. Wood had no money in his possession. He knew this because they had a previous discussion in the course of which he mentioned that only one of them could take a taxi. Ross said that he also mentioned the fact that he had some \$30 in his possession and that this would be enough.

Wood then took out \$200 to \$300 from his wallet and placed it on the mantelpiece. Ross said that he did not take any way on their journey to the 5 1/2 mile station and that when they reached this place and alighted from the taxi, they immediately proceeded up the catchment path.

They were walking along at a speed of about 3 1/2 miles an hour. They were not racing to get somewhere, but just walking for exercise. At the place where the attack took place, there was a clear visibility up the path for about 100 yards.

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## In No Hurry

Before being overpowered, Ross said he and his assailants were on the left temple. The blow caused bleeding. Ross said that the Chinese who attacked Wood and himself did not appear to be in a terrible hurry in the beginning. He did not think more than one minute elapsed between the time he was attacked and he found himself on the ground.

"The whole incident did not take more than two or three minutes as it was not a battle royal," said Ross, who added that there was not much use resisting in such cases. The period of time which elapsed between his being placed in the undergrowth and his hearing the thuds was two or three minutes.

Ross said that he did not see any blood on the ground, nor did he look for any. Questioned regarding a statement made in the Lower Court when he said that they were attacked between 4 and 4.15 p.m. Ross said that this was correct.

Ross also agreed that, based on these times, his attackers must have left the scene somewhere between 4.15 and 4.30 p.m.

Chinese Detective Sergeant Tam Chung, who was cross-examined at length by Mr. Wright, denied that he placed a pencil between the fingers of first accused. Tam also denied striking first accused on the chest, cheeks and legs. At the fact, make a report of the

## Personalia

Mr. Fulton Sheen, member of Cardinal Spellman's party which is arriving in Hong Kong tomorrow, will broadcast from ZBW between 9.30 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Thursday.

Born in 1905, Fulton Sheen obtained his B.A. degree in 1917 and two years later was ordained into the priesthood. In 1925, he was the first American to win the Cardinal Mercier Prize in philosophy.

At an informal ceremony recently at the home of A.A.E. Franklin, Acting British Consul-General in Tientsin, decorations for service during and after the war were presented to Dr. J.W.H. Grice, Mrs. Wainwright and Miss A. Burnett.

The three played the major part in the running of the hospital at the Welsh Internment camp and in subsequent relief work at the end of the war.

Dr. Grice received the O.B.E. and Mrs. Wainwright and Miss Burnett the M.B.E.

Mr. F.E. Farrington has arrived by C.P.A. plane from Bangkok.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end included Messrs. E.P. Warner, A. Baxter, Y.Y. See, P.S. Marshall, Mrs. D. Van Zanten, Messrs. R. Lewis, H.A. Hendricks, Miss E.M. Hindley, E.S. Krishnamoorthy, H.H. Peltou, Harbar Singh, C.K. Ma, and Mr. C.M. Li.

Among departures from the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end were Capt. and Mrs. J.B. Morphet, Miss de Nesklid, Mrs. J.G. Francis, Miss D.P. Isom, Mrs. M. Steel, Miss Florence McIntyre, Miss L. Englesman, Miss P. Chulasek, Miss J.A. Hergert, Miss D. Grone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Small, Mr. Paul E. Deby, Mr. D.D. Wright, Dr. H. Baumerley, Mrs. M.J. Buckley, Miss Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. T.R. O'Bayley, Mr. G.A. Franklin, Mr. W.D. Davis, and Miss M. Tan.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association will be held on Friday at 8 p.m. at the Hong Kong University Alumni Association, 1st floor, Queen's Building. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Mr. Justice Williams intervened to say that since Tam had denied the truth of certain allegations, he could not be questioned further thereon.

The Chief Justice said that Counsel could not put lies into Tam's mouth, and Mr. Wright said he was not attempting to do this.

Answering further questions, Tam denied that he placed a blank piece of paper before first accused and that he told the latter to sign his name on this piece of paper. Tam also denied that he was the first to sign the piece of paper. Tam said that he did not notice any marks on the piece of paper.

## Appeared in Papers

Det. Insp. Matthes said that after accused had made allegations of having been beaten, he carried out an examination but found no marks on any part of his body to substantiate the allegations. Det. Insp. Matthes said that he arranged for first accused to be sent to Hospital for a medical examination by Dr. Kung. No marks or signs were found on first accused.

As Mr. Wright had intimated that he was opposing the three statements which had been made, the admissibility or otherwise of these statements would be argued in the absence of the jury. Mr. Wright submitted that the jury was allowed to stay, as the statements had already appeared in the newspapers and there was no secret regarding their contents. Mr. Justice Williams said he did not know how the statements came to be published in the newspapers, but felt that it would be better to follow the usual procedure.

The jury were then dismissed and asked to return again at 2.30 p.m. today.

Dr. D.W. Gould, Dr. R.E. Alvarez and Chai Hung also gave evidence in support of the Crown's case at yesterday's hearing.

## HK Industrialists At The BIF



These pictures were taken at a luncheon given at the Savoy Hotel on May 12 by British Industrialists in honour of the Chinese members of the H.K. Trade Mission to Britain in connection with the British Industrial Fair. Photo above shows Mr. U. Tat-chee and Mr. Shum Choy-wah enjoying a joke with one of the hosts.



Here Sir Leslie Boyce, who headed the recent British Trade Mission to China, is seen greeting Mr. U. Tat-chee and other members of the Chinese party of industrialists on their arrival at the Savoy Hotel.

## War Compensation Questions

A question on war losses and war claims will be asked in Legislative Council to-morrow.

The Honourable Leo d'Almada, K.C., will ask the following question:

With reference to the recent announcement of H.M.G. in regard to the payment of War Losses, will Government answer the following questions—

1. How does Government propose to make use of the "free grant" of £1,000,000 to assist the Colony in resolving problems arising out of expenditure connected with the War?

2. On the assumption that the proposals contained in such announcement are to be accepted by Government, is the Colony under any outstanding liability of any kind in respect of any matter arising out of the War?

3. If the answer to the preceding question is in the affirmative, will Government state the nature and extent of such liability, with particular regard to—

(a) Salaries in respect of the occupation period of Government servants who were not interned; and

(b) "Denial" claims on the part of the public.

At the same meeting, the Acting Attorney General will move the First reading of—

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## A. G. HENDERSON DIES IN USA

Word has just been received in the Colony that Mr. A.G. (Jocky) Henderson, recently retired president of Everett Steamship Corporation, died suddenly at his California home on May 21.

Many years ago Mr. Henderson was manager of the Everett interests in Hong Kong, and will be well-remembered by the older residents of the Colony.

He retired from the Corporation in May, 1947, and returned to the United States shortly afterwards.

Mr. Henderson was a well-known figure in the Colony, and his death is a loss to the community.

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## "CLEVER FRAUD" BY BANK CLERKS

A "very cleverly hatched" \$50,000 fraud by three bank clerks, involving the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., and Messrs. Lo & Lo, and which was "only possible for persons having an intimate knowledge of banking procedure generally and particularly of the Mercantile Bank to have carried it out," was mentioned by Det. Sub-Inspector J. P. Waldron at Central Magistracy yesterday when two Portuguese and a Chinese appeared in the dock charged with forgery and aiding and abetting.

The defendants, who heard committal proceedings started against them yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, were Carlos Jacinto Pintos and Cheung Yuk-shat, both of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Luis Francisco D'Azvedo, clerk of the Mercantile Bank of India. Pintos was charged with forging a cheque for \$50,000, with intent to defraud, a cheque of Messrs. Lo & Lo, drawn on the Mercantile Bank. D'Azvedo, third defendant, was charged with aiding and abetting, while Cheung, second defendant, was charged with counselling and procuring Pintos to commit the offence.

Defendants, who were not represented legally, were also charged with counselling the Mercantile Bank by an unknown person \$50,000 with intent to defraud by virtue of a forged cheque, well knowing same to be forged.

In his opening, DSI Waldron said five persons were involved in the fraud. The other two, both Chinese, were out of the colony and could not be located. Pintos and Cheung, he alleged, were also responsible for another forgery perpetrated in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on Dec. 27, 1947.

## Bank Forgery

Dealing with the Mercantile Bank forgery, DSI Waldron related that Messrs. Lo & Lo on receiving their Bank Pass Book from the Mercantile Bank noticed that on Jan. 12 a cheque for \$50,000 had been debited to their account in the name of one Chui Ming. On checking, it was found that no such cheque had been issued by the company, and the matter was immediately taken up with the Bank.

Dealing with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank forgery, DSI Waldron related that after a month's inquiry he finally suspected third defendant, and searched his house at No. 4, Ashley Road, Kowloon, with his permission, and found a bank book which had an entry on Jan. 12 for \$1,000, which was given to him (D'Azvedo) by Pintos. When taken to the station, defendant made a voluntary statement after which he was arrested.

Search

A warrant search of Pintos' house at No. 9, Saigon Street, revealed that he had \$26,500 bills in a tin cash box. A Savings Bank book had an entry of \$1,000 deposited on Jan. 13. Pintos told him that Cheung had given him the money to keep. Cheung, however, located at the Mongkok Government School, where he was teaching, denied giving the money. Both made cautioned statements at the station.

On March 19, Pintos handed to him, DSI Waldron continuing, a slip of paper recording D'Azvedo's share of the \$50,000. Pintos also showed him the radio, bicycle, camera, binoculars, electric cooker, a jack-knife, a rifle, which were bought with the money. That day also Cheung gave him a letter with the name and address of one of the two Chinese involved, who are at large just now.

Victor Rigardo Ribero, clerk of Ledger 5, Mercantile Bank, said that prior to his assignment to Ledger 5, D'Azvedo was working there, but without cash would go to him, but those accompanied by cash would go straight to the comptroller. D'Azvedo was working beside him on Jan. 10 morning, when some time near 11 a.m., he saw D'Azvedo with a paper, with a cheque number, about which witness said he remembered only the first three numbers, that is, A 080.

D'Azvedo told witness to credit \$10 to the Stamp Account and said that he had already sent the Cheque Book to Lo & Lo. Witness said he made out the Stamp Account slip which was then to be taken to the Comptroller. But D'Azvedo told him that that was not the right way and advised witness that he should enter it in the Cheque Book Register. Asked why he did as instructed by defendant, witness said that D'Azvedo had worked in the Bank longer and he believed him. He was not surprised that no application form was given to him to record the entry, as he knew that D'Azvedo was a clerk and need not make the application. That person would be guaranteed by the comptroller.

Yip Fook-ling, accountant of Lo & Lo, said he received on Feb. 10 the pass book of the company from the Bank. On comparing it with the Cash Book, he found an entry dated Jan. 12, 1948, of \$50,000 which was not entered in the Cash Book.

Never issued

The cheque book containing the particular cheque was never issued to the company, witness declared.

Mr. Wilson, assistant cashier of Mercantile Bank, said he was given the cheque book on Jan. 10. It was Saturday morning and he was very busy. There was an entry regarding the \$50,000. He did not know then who had written it, but he knew now that it belonged to third defendant. That cheque, witness said, was later proved to be a forgery.

Witness mentioned a peculiarity of the entry: It was entered once, then crossed out, and then entered again. He believed it was taking the clerk's word, and declared that he issued it on trust to today.

## Health Week Article

# FLIES CARRY DISEASE -- SO Swat That Fly!

Many years ago a slogan "Swat that Fly" was fashioned. Ever since an unceasing war has been waged on the small but perilous carrier of bowel diseases and cause of festering sores.

Today, the second in the Health Week Series sponsored by the Health Authorities in Hong Kong, some facts are presented, which may gain your co-operation in carrying on the war against the fly. The title of the subject is forbidding and unpleasant enough viz. Nuisance, Refuse and Flies. But should in itself convey the association between filth and disease. No one likes the fly. An inherent instinct in the human being warns against the insect and as the story of this pest is told you will understand.

It must be clear however, that included in flies are the fat loathsome houseflies, blow flies and house flies. The life history in a general way is applicable to the whole breed. The female lays her eggs, hundreds of them, in filth and putrescent matter wherever found. In the space of a few hours to days, depending on temperature, and moisture these eggs hatch, and become larvae—popularly known as maggots—which feed on the masses of putrid matter. In a few days more, full-grown pupae soon emerge as the disgusting spreading insect you all know so well.

Where humans or animals are found, there must be also the natural waste products of the body metabolism and the production of garbage and waste, which contain the seeds of life in civilization. It is in the disposal of such matter that the fly menace may best be prevented, and the co-operation of the public is given.

This can be done by the provision of properly constructed dust bins with close fitting lids; clean backyards; attention to refuse and refuse provided with proper containers, and fly-proof disposal, finally, of the waste matter is done by the Public Health Authorities. But wherever filth is found, there is proof that someone near at hand some person or persons are at fault in providing breeding places through neglect of some kind or other in the disposal of filth. No filth, no flies might be the slogan, for in truth there should be no fly to swat.

Immediately the fly is born and the wings dry it starts to feed on whatever moist matter may be near. In the dwellings of the careless and the ignorant is found plenty of suitable food—gally yet deadly the insect flies from night-gull buckets or dirty W.C. to the uncovered garbage heap or littered dustbin. Then in search of

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Obnoxious!

Many today depend on insecticides, sprays, and fly paper, but these are not necessary against flies, for if the breeding grounds are non-existent then the fly automatically disappears.

Let every citizen then at this beautiful City of Hong Kong do his or her best to keep the home and surroundings free from every manner of waste and garbage wherein the fly may breed. Banish the fear of the dysenteries, enteric diseases or cholera, the fear of infection with deadly germs of many kinds which all may be carried to you or your child by the filthy legs or faulty intestines of that pest—the fly.

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A large drop in earnings, due to the poor coastal trade and the fall in Chinese exchange, was reported for the year 1947 at the 60th ordinary yearly meeting of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., held at the Company's offices yesterday.

Mr. S. T. Williamson, who presided over the meeting, said:

"The Accounts for the year under review do not show results which compare favourably with those for 1946."

Throughout the year 1947 business on our coastal run has been exceedingly poor and we have only been able to operate the "Halyang," and have been holding the "Haitan" in reserve against any possible improvement. Unsettled conditions throughout China with a rapidly falling exchange, which has seriously restricted trade, can be said to be the main cause of the large drop in our earnings. A considerable proportion of our inward earnings is in C.N.S. whereas the major portion of our expenses is in Hong dollars.

Operation is paid for in HK\$ and this naturally has had an adverse effect upon the year's working. Steamers Working for 1947 has resulted in the very small profit of \$21,923.23 to which has been added income derived from Dividends and Interest amounting to \$61,919.73, the balance of \$22,443.01 has been carried to the credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

### Requisition Fee

This Account has also been credited with \$224,117.48 in which is included the balance due to your Company in respect of the period that the "Seistan" and "Haitan" were under requisition to the Hong Kong Government. Rates of Hire have been based on those in force in the United Kingdom and have been considered and approved by the Hong Kong Shipping Control Board, and have been accepted by local Owners generally as a means of arriving at a settlement and disposing of this outstanding. The adjusted rates, however, have produced an amount comparable to that received by other local liner Companies which were under requisition to the Ministry of War Transport in 1941.

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## Guild Case Continues

Further evidence for the prosecution was heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Peter Oliver, Guild, Police Inspector, Tam So Nias, Fal Por So (a woman) and P.C.C. 99 Chan Pul Lam, appeared before Mr. Hin-Shing Lo on charges of demanding money with menaces.

Inspector Vincent M. Morrison said he went with Inspector Durkin to give marked money to Lok Sul Hann at Wing Tak Lane.

He also arrested second accused who was at 101 Wing Lok Street in bed with the third accused.

He found the marked money inside Tam's box beside her bed.

On questioning the constable (third accused) he was told that he was Chan Kau, of the Canton Police.

On Feb. 27 he went to the Central Police Station and arrested third accused on information not recognised him as being the man who was in bed with Tam So when he arrested her ten days previously. Chan admitted he was the man.

Inspector Durkin, who was with Inspector Morrison at the time the money was planted and at the time of the arrest gave corroborative evidence.

The case was then adjourned.

## Smugglers Held-Up, Robbed

Found guilty by a jury on charges of armed robbery and receiving stolen property, Chan Fuk alias Chan Sing-fuk, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulise Judge), to four years imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector D. H. Taylor, conducted the case for the prosecution.

According to the case for the Crown, five persons smuggling 1,700 catties of unhusked rice out of Chinese territory by sailing boat were held up by three men armed with Mauser pistols in another boat at Deep Bay near Mong Chung Point. The male passengers in the sailing boat were made to transfer 38 bags of paddy on to the boat belonging to the robbers.

After sailing towards On Long with the rice, the robbers ordered the five victims to return to Pak Sek Tsau. Arriving at the latter place, the victims walked all night till they reached On Long, where they went in search of their rice.

One of the victims, who had since died, recognised a sack of his rice at a rice shop. While he went for the Police, the rice was transferred to a Rice Mill. On being questioned by the Police, a salesman at the mill brought them to accused from whom he, the salesman, said he had bought the rice and sold it to the shop.

Accused claimed that he had bought the rice from a friend.

## PARSEE MERCHANT ON PERJURY CHARGE

Keki Edulji Mogra, 45-year-old Parsee merchant, of No. 13, Caine Road, first floor, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with "perjury by witness in judicial proceedings."

Appearing for the defendant was Mr. Marcus da Silva.

Mogra was charged with "being lawfully sworn as a witness by the Commissioner of Oaths, J. B. Malingard, Esq., on April 16 in the Court of Justice, Victoria, in judicial proceedings, to wit Original Jurisdiction Action No. 104, in the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, wilfully made a certain statement material in the said action which he did not believe to be true, the statement being:

"I saw the defendant on the 25th and 26th of March, 1947, when he produced the two letters from Mr. Marcus da Silva and pointed out that as co-members of the Parsee Community in Hong Kong, I should be more friendly than to write him solicitor's letters, hereinafter set out, whereupon I informed him that the premises were required for one of the beneficiary landlords, namely, Mr. J. E. Mogra, who was arriving from London shortly, and I pointed out to him that it was very wrong for him to move in his brother without permission and expect the landlords to be without accommodation themselves."

### Many Peculiarities

Mr. da Silva addressing the Court said: "There are many peculiarities of this 'unprecedented' premature prosecution" which I shall leave to Counsel for the defence to comment on. I have one aspect to bring to Your Worship's attention."

"The alleged perjury is supposed to have been committed in civil proceedings at the Supreme Court in an affidavit in support of an application for an 'interim injunction' which asked for an order to the defendant in the civil suit not to enter certain premises until the trial of the parties' rights."

"The application for the 'interim injunction' was first fixed for a date some three weeks or so earlier, Mr. A. J. Clifford, recently divorced from Crown Counsel duties, for private practice, appeared for the defendant in the civil suit and asked for an adjournment giving his undertaking to preserve the 'status quo' until the hearing fixed for May 29, in other words, the 'status quo' was that his client would stay out of the premises and an attempt to move in physically until the hearing on the May 29th."

"I make no suggestion of anything irregular in this matter. But the effect of the prosecution being brought before the

hearing on the 29th, is that of an unholy partnership between the Crown and a party in a civil suit.

### Cases Clash

"In using the words 'unholy partnership' I do not suggest anything conspiratorial I am certain of and have every respect for Crown dignity and solemnity. I used the word 'effect' and I am certain that the aspect I now bring to your attention was not before the Law Officers, otherwise a different course might have been adopted."

"If the accused proceeds with the hearing on the 29th, as plaintiff he has to commence and be certainly cross-examined on matters directly involved in the perjury charge. If there was no clash of this criminal case and the pending civil proceedings the Crown would commence its case and the defence be not called upon or cross-examined until a later stage."

"In order not to lose this advantage, counsel might now advise the accused to adjourn the civil hearing, whereupon the defendant in the civil suit might move into the premises concerned and the whole object of the civil suit is defeated."

"Because of this dilemma, the accused asks for the earliest possible date to be fixed for hearing. The Magistrate gave Mr. da Silva two dates for hearing—June 3 and 9 at 2.30 p.m."

Mogra was granted bail of \$5,000.

Det.-Sub-Inspector Moore is prosecuting.

## Stole From Pavement Sleeper

Lee Po-wing was on Saturday sleeping on the pavement at the junction of Ap Lei and Kowloon Streets when Police constables 1536 and 1662 woke him up at 4 a.m. to ask whether he had lost a blanket.

He immediately identified the blanket in the possession of Lee Chung (25) as his property.

When Lee Chung appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, charged with larceny, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth revealed that accused had been convicted in the New Territories, Kowloon, and Hong Kong Police Courts on no fewer than eight occasions. He had three convictions for simple larceny, one for stealing pigs, one for larceny of growing vegetables, and three for being a destitute.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment or, should his claim to Hong Kong birth be substantiated, to two years' Police supervision.

## Reminders

Today  
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.  
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Intelligence activities of POW's" by Sgt. Ldr. A. D. Fenton, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m.  
Sino-British Club Gramophone Group, lecture by Mrs. G. A. Goodban, Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m.  
Bridge Drive, European Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

Coming Events  
TOMORROW  
H.K. Council of Women meeting, talk by Commissioner of Labour at Chinese Y.W.C.A., Duddell Street, 5.15 p.m.  
Annual meeting, Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., at board room of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, 11 a.m.  
Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY  
Tea Reception for Cardinal Spellman, Hong Kong Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

King George V School Parents' Association Mahjong-Bridge Drive, European Y.M.C.A., 2.30 p.m.  
Union Church Ladies' Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.  
Kowloon Residents' Association meeting, general discussion, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club luncheon, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
Annual meeting, Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., H.K. Hotel, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY  
Annual meeting, Indo-China Steamship Navigation Co., Ltd., Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Presentation of stage show "Knap" by French A.D.C. at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9 p.m.

Annual general meeting of the H.K. Chinese Medical Association, H.K. University Alumni Association, Queen's Building, 6 p.m. (Dinner at 7 p.m.)

Inspector H. Brownrigg prosecuted.

## Nearly Caused Serious Crash

Leung Shiu-ki of 70 Nathan Road, first floor, who nearly caused "a four-vehicle collision" at Castle Peak on Sunday, was fined \$750, and had his licence suspended for three months, when he was convicted by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charges of dangerous driving, driving on the wrong side of the road, and attempting to overtake when the road was not clear.

Sub-Inspector J. Hidden said defendant could easily have involved a bus, a lorry, a P.W.D. lorry and his own private car 9799 in the collision. As matters were, he caused lorry-bus 5479 to collide into the rear of P.W.D. lorry 8281, resulting in injuries to 15-year-old Cheng Wan-wing (who was sitting near to the lorry driver), and Lad Chuen-cheong (24) and Yu Kwan (32), passengers on the lorry-bus.

Defendant, said SI Hidden, was going towards Tsun Wan at about 2.40 p.m. on Sunday, proceeding behind bus 4249. At the 5-1/2 mile stone, the lorry-bus and the P.W.D. lorry, going in the opposite direction, were seen by the bus driver who pulled in to the left.

### Unable To Stop

When the two lines of traffic were about 20 feet from each other, defendant pulled out from behind the bus, causing the oncoming lorry to brake hard. The driver of the converted bus was unable to stop in time and crashed into the lorry.

The small boy, who was in his first trip to Kowloon from the village to notify relatives that his father was dying, suffered a cut at the back of the head.

SI Hidden asked for a serious view to be taken as it could easily have been a four-vehicle accident. At that part of the road, which is 28 feet wide, defendant had no right to attempt to overtake the bus without making sure that there was no oncoming traffic.

the chair were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. N.O.C. Marsh and Mr. M.H. Turner.

The Shareholders present were Captain W.B. Patey, Major C.W.L. Way and Messrs. L.H. Warne, D.L. Prophet, R.H. Murray, Hon Yan-lam and A. Somerfelt.

Defendant, pointed out SI Hidden, had obviously obtained his driving licence very recently, as it was numbered 15069. (Defendant told the Court that he had it about six months ago).

Leung stated that he had been following the bus for a long distance and was only attempting to overtake.

"Yes," commented the Magistrate, "you apparently got tired of following another vehicle and wanted to overtake without any regard to other users of the road. We don't like drivers like you on the roads."

## Typewriter Recovered Soon After Theft

Smart work on the part of Det.-Sgt. 623, Det.-Cpl. 225, and Detectives 835 and 864, of the Kowloon City C.I.D., resulted in the arrest of Pang Chak-ming (20) and the recovery of an Underwood typewriter within a few hours of the theft from the Diocesan Boys' School on Saturday.

According to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, when Pang appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of store breaking, the theft was reported by Mr. G. A. Goodban, Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School, on the morning of May 22.

When the plainclothes men arrived at the School they gained the impression that it was the job of someone who knew the building well, and instructed the watchman to obtain the address of a recently dismissed coule.

At 1 p.m. defendant was arrested at Fetho Street. He told the Police that he went to the School with another man, on the night

## LOITERERS SENTENCED

Nine Chinese women were before Mr. Hin-Shing Lo at Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of causing an obstruction by loitering in the Wanchai area on Sunday night.

The girls, arrested by Inspector H. Brownrigg, pleaded guilty. Three had three previous convictions each and were sentenced to two months' hard labour with the option of paying a \$250 fine. Three who had two previous convictions were fined \$150 or two months' hard labour.

The remaining three, who were "first timers," were bound over to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

Inspector H. Brownrigg prosecuted.

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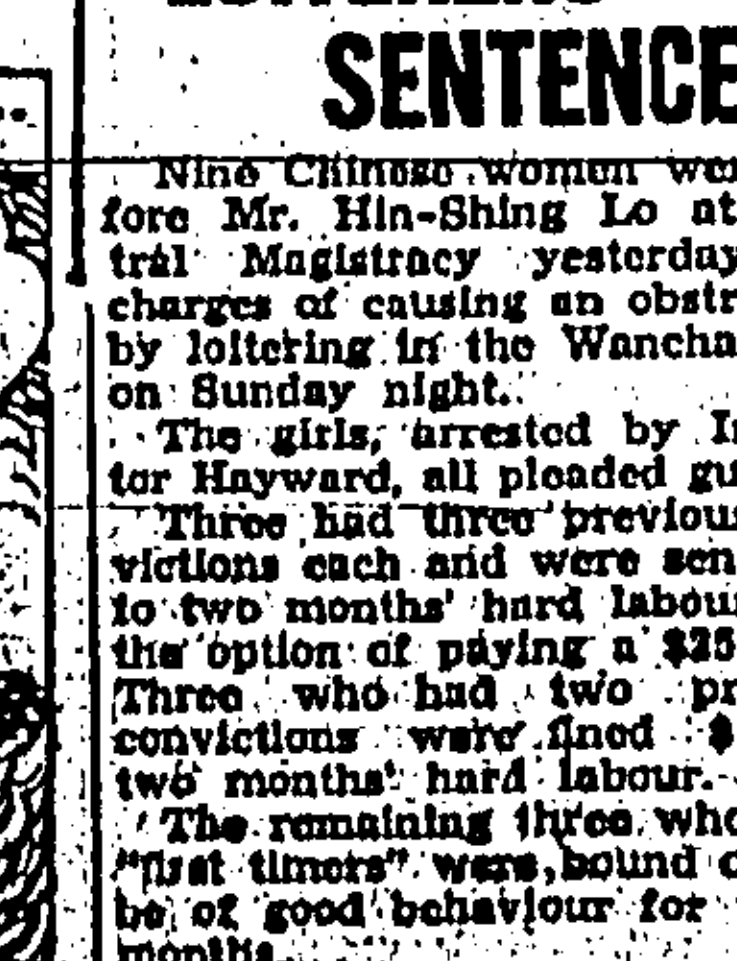
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plication to enter the examina-  
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noon on Friday, 28th May,  
1948, for the purpose of receiv-  
ing the Report of the Directors,  
passing the Accounts for the  
year ended 31st December,  
1947, electing Directors and  
appointing Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the  
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1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON &  
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General Managers.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1948.

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ter of Shareholders will be  
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# S. AFRICA'S ELECTIONS LITTLE PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM

Capetown, May 23.

Supporters of Field Marshal Jan Smuts' United  
Party worked feverishly today to whip up in-  
terest in the Parliamentary elections which are  
to be held on Wednesday.

Campaigning for the election, in which 138 mem-  
bers of the new Parliament will be chosen, has  
been tranquil. The people have evidenced little  
enthusiasm and the only excitement came when  
Nationalists broke up several meetings of the  
United Party.

Some observers believed  
that the apparent apathy on  
the part of the voting public  
may be the Government's  
greatest danger in the electoral  
test.

Those who would not actively  
support Dr. D. F. Malan's Na-  
tionalists now lack the urge to  
ballot for Smuts. This attitude  
could be attributed to the  
fact that the present Gov-  
ernment has been in power for  
an extremely long time and  
there are many post-war short-  
ages in the Union.

With the international situation  
cooling somewhat, Smuts is ex-  
pected to lose many votes by  
people who would not have want-  
ed a change of Government in  
the midst of the hot world crisis.

The much aging Smuts's sup-  
port is expected to come from  
women who will vote for him  
personally rather than for his  
Party.

## Secret Society

The United Party has recently  
been trying to stir up the elec-  
torate by throwing light on the  
Broderbond Secret Society of  
sectional "band of brothers" which  
aims at an Afrikaner domination  
of South Africa. The Society is  
known as the "Twelve Apostles".  
Through manoeuvrings for  
many years the "brothers" have  
secured key posts in most sections  
of the communal life and more  
than 60 of the Nationalist Party's  
candidates in the coming elections  
are believed to be Broderbonds.

United Party spokesmen are drag-  
ging the Broderbond from its  
carefully guarded obscurity as a  
warning to the English speaking  
section whose votes the Nation-  
alist sought by shovelling their re-  
publican aims by professing sym-  
pathy for ex-soldiers and endea-

## Crazy Concept

Since only Europeans vote, the  
Nationalists acted on a theory  
that the United Party's pulling  
power with the white electorate  
was colour bar. The Nationalists  
raised the cry of "Apartheid"—  
separation of races. However  
they do not appear to have met  
with any great success in win-  
ning over voters who regard many  
of their suggestions as obviously  
impracticable.

In a message to the electorate  
on Saturday, Smuts called Apar-  
theid a crazy concept. He said  
the Nationalists had failed to  
make Apartheid intelligible.

Marshal Smuts declared instead  
that the future of South Africa  
does not depend on the whites  
alone and said that he stands for  
the continued good treatment of  
the non-European, particularly  
the native. He said, however,  
that the leadership of the coun-  
try must remain with the white  
race without mixing the blood of  
whites and non-whites.

Natives do not participate in  
this election. They are repre-  
sented in the Assembly by three  
Europeans elected in a separate  
poll.

## Expected To Win

It is generally expected that  
Marshal Smuts will win the Par-  
liamentary election although his  
majority probably will be smaller  
than before.

Observers forecast that the  
United Party would get a majority  
of eight to 15. In addition the  
Labour Party's expected four  
or six members would stand  
by Smuts in a vote of con-  
fidence and he could count on the  
support of the three representa-  
tives of the natives.—United Press.

## Sentenced For Perjury

Tokyo, May 24.  
A Japanese doctor who  
testified in the trial involving  
vivisection, dissection and  
cannibalism at the Kyushu  
Imperial University in connec-  
tion with captured American  
fliers, was fined 10,000 yen  
and given a two-year suspend-  
ed sentence by an army court  
today for giving false testi-  
mony.

Toshio Hanjo called by the  
Allied Headquarters legal section  
as a prosecution witness, was  
found guilty of giving perjured  
testimony on the witness stand  
and was the first person to be  
convicted of such a charge.

Thus far, some Japanese wit-  
nesses have been sentenced for  
giving false and misleading in-  
formation to Allied investigators  
prior to the trial.—United Press.

## US Attack 'Astonishing'

Sydney, May 23.  
In a leader on "Arms for  
Palestine" the "Sydney Morning  
Herald" said today the violence  
of the American press in endors-  
ing Russia's attack on Britain for  
fighting Israel, through Transjor-  
dan would astonish all who re-  
called what Jewry owed to Brit-  
ish support.

The Security Council, it ad-  
ded, would be better occupied in  
imposing an embargo on imports  
of arms by the Palestine, bel-  
ligerents than in formulating  
censure-fire orders foredoomed to  
futility.

Britain would probably wel-  
come such a measure, but what-  
ever America would agree to an  
embargo which would fall more  
heavily on the Jews than on the  
Arabs was another matter.—  
Reuter.

# Valley Lot Sells At \$50 A Foot

Building land at Happy  
Valley was sold for nearly  
\$50 a foot at the P.W.D. auc-  
tion of Inland Lot No. 6308  
yesterday afternoon.

The lot, located at the corner  
of Tsui Man Street and Shan  
Kwong Road, Wongneichung, has  
an area of 2,210 square feet. The  
upset price was \$22,100 (or \$10  
a foot) and the successful bidder  
was a Chinese banker, Mr. Ma  
Kam-chan, managing partner of  
the Tai Sang Bank of No. 195  
Wing Lok Street, who paid \$100,  
000 for the site.

Bidding was confined to about  
half a dozen people out of an at-  
tendance of nearly fifty, who by  
\$1,000 bids, raised the price from  
\$23,000, the first bid, to a lakh.

A condition of the sale is that  
within six months the buyer must  
spend at least \$50,000 in  
reliable improvements on the lot.

The sale was on the usual 75-  
year Crown lease, with an option  
of renewal for another 75 years.  
The Crown Rent is \$102 per an-  
num.

# Carlos Gomes' Funeral

The remains of the late Carlos  
Augusto Gomes, who passed away  
at the St. Teresa Hospital on  
Sunday was buried in the pres-  
ence of a large gathering of  
friends and relatives at the  
Catholic cemetery yesterday  
afternoon.

The Rev. Father C. M. Orlando  
officiated at the chapel and at the  
grave side.

Besides the chief mourners, Mr.  
and Mrs. Fred Hill, others pre-  
sent included Rev. Father Spada,  
Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios,  
Mr. A. A. Castilho, Mr. L.  
Gomud, Mr. Leo d'Almada  
Remedios, E. Christensen, Mr. T.  
A. Martin, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr.  
P. J. Nielsen, Consul of Norway  
and Mrs. E. Ulstrup, Mr. R. A.  
Campos, Mr. C. M. Ozoio, Mr.  
A. M. Ozoio, Mr. J. M. Fonseca,  
Mr. J. Remedios, Mrs. Tempo,  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Remedios, Miss  
Castilho and Mrs. F. C. Cleme.

Floral tributes were sent by  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill, Mr. J.  
M. d'Almada Remedios, Mr. D.  
H. Blake, Mr. J. T. Prior, Mr. J.  
R. Castilho and family, Mrs. P.  
Castilho, How Kit, Lai Fu and  
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# GASPERI'S NEW CABINET

## Five-Year Anti-Communist Policy Decision

### Support For The Marshall Plan

Rome, May 23.  
Premier Alcide de Gasperi today announced the completion of his sixth Cabinet since he took office in December, 1945.  
He pledged the new Italian Government to support the Marshall Plan, the five-year anti-Communist policy, and social reforms.

The new Cabinet was completed after Signor de Gasperi had conferred throughout the day with the Liberal Party member, Giovanni Porzio.  
Signor Porzio at first balked at accepting a Ministry attached to the Marshall Plan Committee, but finally accepted the Vice-Premiership in charge of handling the problems of Southern Italy.

Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italian Premier, announced his Cabinet as follows:  
Premier and Interim Minister for Italian Africa: Signor de Gasperi (Christian Democrat).  
Vice-Premier: Attilio Piccioni (Christian Democrat).  
Vice-Premier and Minister for Mercantile Marine: Giuseppe Saragat (Socialist Unity).  
Vice-Premier in charge of Southern Italian Affairs: Giovanni Porzio (Independent).  
Minister without Portfolio and Vice-President of the Inter-Ministerial Reconstruction Committee: Roberto Tremelloni (Socialist Unity).  
Minister without Portfolio in

charge of the Sub-Committee for aid under the European Recovery Programme: Alberto Giovannini (Liberal).

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Count Sforza (Republican).

Minister of Interior: Mario Cecchia (Christian Democrat).

Minister of Justice: Giuseppe Grassi (Liberal).

Minister of Finance: S. Vavoni (Christian Democrat).

Minister of Defence: Randolph Macdonald (Republican).

Minister of Public Works: Umberto Tupini (Christian Democrat).

Minister of Transport: Guido Carli (Christian Democrat).

Minister of Posts and Telecommunications: Signor Jervolini (Christian Democrat).

Minister of Industry and Commerce: Ivan Lombardo (Socialist Unity).

President Luigi Einaudi tonight accepted the list submitted to him by Signor de Gasperi. This is Signor de Gasperi's sixth cabinet. The reshuffle was the outcome of the elections of April 18, which resulted in a conclusive victory for his own Christian Democrat Party. The new cabinet will be sworn in tomorrow and will hold its first meeting on Thursday. It will face parliament for a vote of confidence on May 31.

#### Above Party

In an exclusive interview with Reuters tonight, the Premier said: "This Government, born of the general election, will dedicate its efforts to the reconstruction of Italy within the framework of liberty and democracy."

"It marks the desire of those parties which united in the electoral campaign to ensure freedom and public order to continue their common task."

"The wide agreement shows the desire of the Christian Democrat Party to collaborate with the greatest possible number of parties in common action in the spirit and on the basis of the results of the elections of April 18, with the aim of assuring above all the interests of the nation, which is above parties and electoral struggles, and which remains our constant concern."

#### Strong Enough

The Marshall Plan dominated the Premier's negotiations for the Cabinet reshuffle. He worked carefully to make the Cabinet strong enough to withstand a showdown in Parliament.

Anglo-American diplomatic sources said this procedure was connected with two important facts:

1. Premier de Gasperi hopes to keep the Cabinet as long as possible as the first really permanent and stable Government Italy has had since the war.

2. His distribution of key economic posts to the Liberals and Right Wing Socialists assures critics that Italy will not swing too far right under a Catholic Premier.—United Press and Reuters.

#### D P CAMPS PLEA

Washington, May 23.  
Ten Senators have urged the closing of special D. P. camps for Jews in Europe and asked President Truman in a letter to make facilities available to transport the inmates to Israel.

In New York, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., urged in a speech that the camps should be emptied before the end of 1949 (if American Jews supported the United Jewish appeals campaign for \$250,000,000).—Associated Press.

## Billion-Year Old Philippine Fossils

Manila, May 23.  
A one-man expedition into the hinterlands of Mindoro has turned up fossils which place the age of the Philippines at 120 million years.

Geologist I. Paniza of the National Museum here verified with his discovery the conclusion of the late Dr. E. M. de Villa, that the islands belong to the Mesozoic (or secondary) period, which is estimated as dating back 120 million years.

(Filipino geologists for a long time assumed the islands belonged to the Cenozoic or tertiary period, and were therefore a mere 60 million years old.)

The fossils turned up by Geologist Paniza last month belong to the earlier period. So far they have been discovered only on Mindoro.

It wasn't the first time, however, that they had been unearthed in the Philippines. Back in 1940 Dr. de Villa, who later died at the hands of the Japanese, picked up some ammonite (Mesozoic period mollusk) fossils.

### Manila Fire Disaster

Manila, May 23.  
Twenty-seven Chinese textile stores were destroyed by a fire which broke out late Saturday afternoon in the Quiapo section of downtown Manila.

While no casualties were reported, damage was placed by police at more than \$500,000.—Reuters.

### Floods Sweep US Northwest

Seattle, May 23.  
Flood waters swept across a major portion of the Pacific Northwest today, washing out a 31-foot dyke at Bonner Ferry, Idaho, and another dam in British Columbia.

As the waters poured over farm land in Bonner's Ferry, other swollen rivers were flooding lowlands, and forcing families to evacuate in sections of Western Montana, North Central Idaho and Eastern Washington.

The Pacific Coastal area so far has escaped the force of the floods caused by continuous rains and melting snow in the Upper Rocky Mountain region.—Associated Press.

### Six-Power Decisions On Germany

London, May 23.  
The heads of the delegations to the six-power conference on Germany will begin drafting final reports to their Governments on the control of the Ruhr and the political future of Western Germany at a meeting expected to be held here tomorrow.

The principal French delegate on political questions is expected to return to London from Paris either tomorrow night or Tuesday morning.

It is thought, however, that the final draft will not be ready until the middle of the week. Last week's American concessions to the French over the powers of the proposed international authority for the Ruhr are believed to have provided a sufficient basis of agreement for a joint resolution on the economic side of the German problem.

But observers here believe it would be premature to describe this resolution as finally removing French misgivings.—Reuters.

### CHANCE FOR REDS TO PROVE INTENT

Washington, May 23.  
The United States has almost given up hope of Russia settling her dollar Lend-Lease account, informed sources said today.

Negotiations, which began early this year between American and Soviet officials, have been suspended again after four "periodic" meetings in which little has been accomplished.

It is emphasized that the United States will continue to seek a settlement, especially in the light of the recent Russian "peace offensive."

Here is the way one high United States official put it: "If the Russians really want to do business on peace, let them show it by sitting down for serious discussions and settlement of their Lend-Lease bill."

He said that was a "key issue" and one which Russia and the United States could settle strictly between themselves since it involved no other countries.

Marshal Stalin put out the latest Russian "peace feeler" last week when, in response to Mr. Henry Wallace's "open letter," he suggested that the United States and Russia sit down for a discussion of issues involved in the "cold war."

However, most of the issues also involved other countries and the State Department handed Stalin a flat "No."

#### SULTAN'S WARNING

Rabat, May 23.  
The Sultan of Morocco today warned the Jewish residents of the Sultanate not to participate in "any kind of aggression" and ordered his Muslim subjects to keep the peace in Morocco.

In a proclamation, the Sultan associated himself with the rulers of the Arab states in condemning the Jews for precipitating violence in the Holy Land and attempting to partition Palestine by force.—Associated Press.

### Admiral Wants More War Preparedness

Washington, May 23.  
The deputy Chief of Naval Operations Vice-Admiral Robert Carney, today urged immediate large-scale expansion of the United States merchant marine to boost tonnage available in the event of another war.

Adm. Carney said in a radio interview: "Now is the time to build. From all we know and from all we can surmise, things will happen fast if war ever descends on us again."

Adm. Carney said that most of the cargo ships in reserve from the last war would be of little use in future conflicts. They would be "sitting ducks" for enemy submarines because of lack of speed.

"These ships were built hastily in time of war to meet an emergency and fell far short of the performance that should have been put into them if we had had the time."

In addition, he said, cargo ships of the U. S. merchant marine should greatly increase tanker and passenger-carrying tonnage. He pointed out that tanker fleets even now were having difficulties meeting strained schedules and would be woefully inadequate if war struck.

Adm. Carney said the United States would need 60 more passenger vessels than it had at present in order to meet the troops transport requirements of any future war. He said this would be the minimum and

#### RADIO STATION INCIDENT

Havana, Cuba, May 23.  
Newspapers reported today that five men seized the radio station at Santiago, Cuba, on Saturday night to halt a political programme.

The lone operator was bound and tubes and other apparatus destroyed. Cuba holds its presidential election on June 1.—Associated Press.

#### TEXTILE DEAL

Canberra, May 23.  
India has allotted 20 million yards of cotton textiles for export to Australia for the current quota period from January to June as a reciprocal measure for wheat from Australia, the Commonwealth Commerce and Agriculture Departments Journal announced.

The Indian Government has also approved the export of 1,800 bales of raw cotton to Australia as a goodwill gesture.—Reuters.

### SOVIET REPLY TO AMERICA

London, May 23.  
The Tass News Agency in a statement today gave an "authorized" answer to the 11 points raised by the United States State Department on May 19, blaming the United States for the deadlock on issues in the Far East as well as elsewhere in the world.

Regarding the Japanese peace treaty Tass said that Russia wants this peace treaty, while the United States is "assisting aggressive circles in Japan to restore Japan's military and economic potential, thus damaging the cause of peace."

Tass said that while the Soviets long ago pulled out her troops from China the United States still has garrisons there, encouraging the "extension and intensification of the civil war."

Tass repeated the Soviet proposal that all troops be withdrawn from Korea and declared that the United States would not agree.

Other points included the reduction of armaments—Tass said the United States blocked the General Assembly decision.

Atomic weapons—Tass declared that the Soviet Union favoured the outlawing of atomic weapons, diverting atomic energy to peaceful uses, but the "United States Government for the past two years rejected the proposal of the Soviet Union for prohibition of atomic weapons and proposed so-called international control."

German peace treaty—Tass charged that the United States wanted to restore Germany's military might.

Military bases—"The present situation, where certain countries, especially the United States, have numerous military bases in territories of other member states of the United Nations, is incompatible with fundamental principles of the organization, and tends to aggravate the instability of the institution."

International trade—Tass charged the United States with discriminating against the USSR while Russia is developing trade on a mutual benefit basis.—United Press.

#### DEWEY VICTORY

Portland, Oregon, May 23.  
Governor Thomas Dewey's margin of victory over Mr. Harold Stassen in the Oregon primary elections neared 9,000 votes on the basis of almost complete returns.

Tallies of complete and incomplete returns from 1,736 of 1,861 precincts gave Dewey 106,896 and Stassen 96,191.—United Press.

### Scottish "Rebel" Kicked Out

Edinburgh, May 23.  
Dr. Archibald Lamont, well-known Scottish geologist, was ejected from the annual conference of the Scottish National Party here today because he insisted a resolution proclaiming Scotland's right to be neutral in future wars should be considered.

Afterwards he was suspended from the party, of which he had been a member for 20 years.

The resolution, which had been left open because of lack of time, also wanted the party to help individuals "in danger of being conscripted against their will for the armed forces, armament industries or other war services."

The conference had earlier passed a resolution that "the only national memorial worthy of Scotsmen and women who fell in the cause of freedom was a free and independent Scotland."—Reuters.

### Expectant Elizabeth Speculation

London, May 23.  
Speculation broke out afresh in the London Press today that Princess Elizabeth is expecting a baby in the autumn and that official confirmation will be forthcoming soon.

The "Sunday Express" in a special article, said flatly that Buckingham Palace had under discussion "the issuing of what is usually called an interesting announcement in the immediate future."

Such an announcement, it said, probably would have been issued last week except that it might have entailed cancellation of the Princess's visit to Coventry on Saturday.

Accessible Court sources simply repeated what the best Palace sources have been saying for months: "If this is true, only the Royal Family knows about it—and if the Princess is expecting a child even her best friends apparently are in the dark."—Associated Press.

### Belgrade Attacks Black Market

Belgrade, May 23.  
Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, reported today that trading licences of 1,150 Belgrade firms have been cancelled on the grounds that the latter were engaged in black-market activities and other illegal deals.

Many Belgrade shops reopened under municipal management on Friday after a check of books and stocks which followed a press campaign against speculation and many recent convictions for breaches of price regulations.

It was understood that owners had been promised compensation if their shops were taken from them, but it was believed many would lose their property outright if black-market speculation were proven against them.—Reuters.

### Hint Of Communist Plot In Austria

Vienna, May 23.  
Official Austrian sources reported today that factory guards in the Russian Zone had been recently increased to 12,000 and linked to a development to a Communist plan to hold unilateral elections this autumn in the Soviet Zone.

These sources said that the Communist leader, Ernst Fischer, recently told a meeting of factory guards officers that "We will hold elections this autumn in the Soviet Zones, and we will win. Your men will ensure that such elections can be held even if they are opposed by the Government in Vienna."

A number of black uniformed and well-armed guards, CMA, said and maintained by the Soviet Army was increased by over 2,000 to a total of 12,000 during the past few weeks, the sources said.

They said the guards are equipped with carbines and pistols of German make and Czech manufactured bayonets.—United Press.

#### Railway Link Severed

Madras, May 23.  
Hyderabad is cut off from all railway connection with the Indian Dominion, a railway official told the Associated Press, following Saturday's attack on the Bombay-bound Madras train at the Nizam's Changanur railway station.

Reports said many were seriously injured and six women are missing.

No bookings from Madras to Hyderabad are being taken. The Madras Cabinet held an emergency meeting to consider the situation. It was stated specially.—Associated Press.

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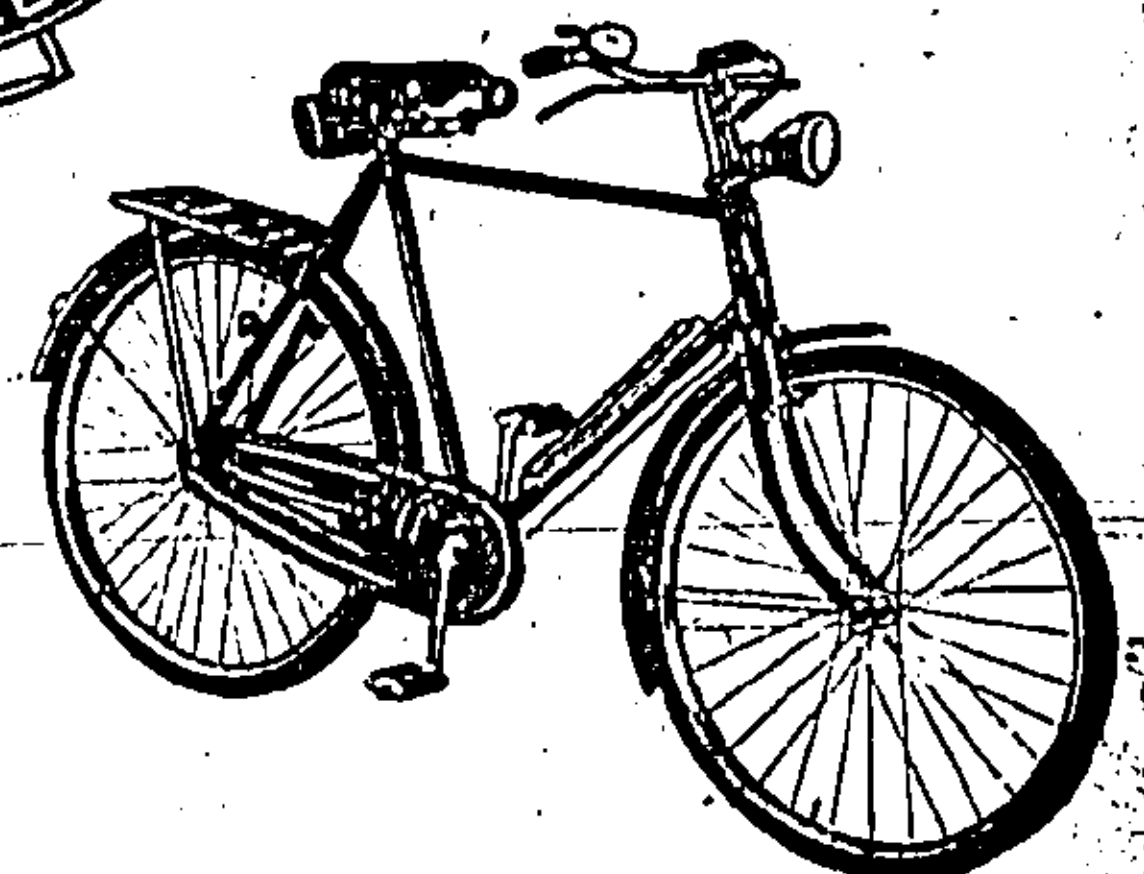
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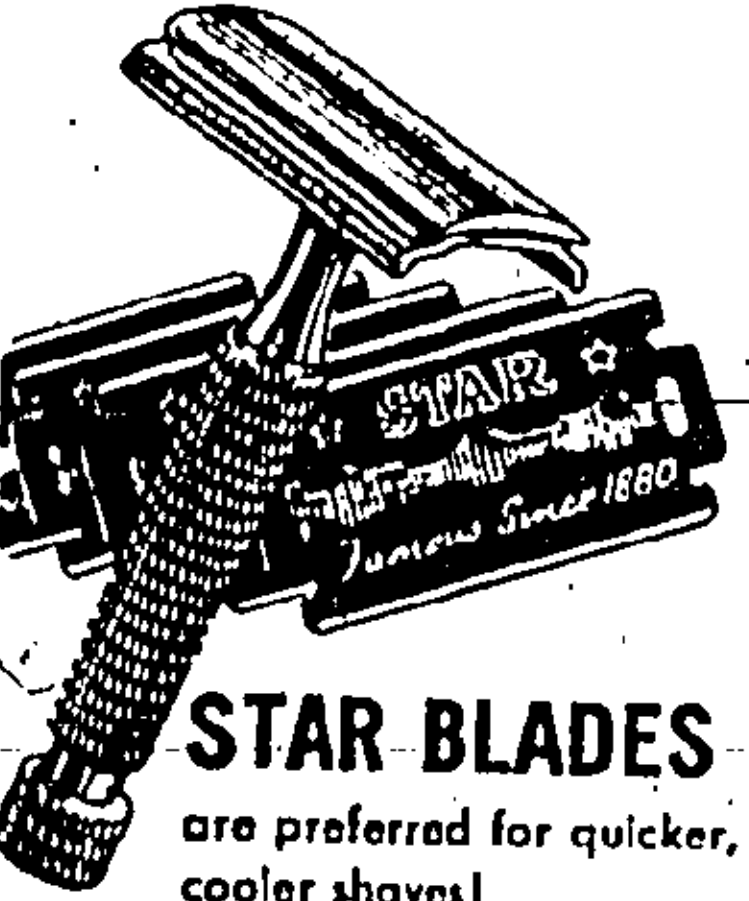


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# Manchurian War Of Attrition

## Grim Picture Of Suffering In Besieged Mukden

### Prices Soars On Ever-Increasing Incline

Mukden, May 23.  
In war-torn China Mukden today is the front line of suffering. Communist tactics of wearing down great cities by protracted siege are ravaging Mukden with hunger and despair.

The Army—supplied by air—is still hale. The people are paying a terrible price of the attrition war.

Three hundred thousand people are refugees or destitute. Five hundred thousand—more than a third of the population—exist on bean-cake squeezed dry of all nutritional content and normally used for fertilizer or second grade cattle feed.

They eat bean-cakes and go sick on the indigestible stuff. They eat the husks of grain.

Night blindness, pellagra, scurvy and other malnutrition diseases are spreading at an alarming rate. Children are developing rickets.

The few existing mission hospitals are bursting with free patients and lack medicine. Outside you cannot fill the prescription. Epidemics are feared in the summer.

There are still food stocks but prices are way out of reach for everyone except for the few remaining wealthy and hardy of foreigners. The prices index zoomed five-fold since April 1 up an ever steepening incline. Grain prices are 10 times that of Peiping.

#### Child Gangsters

Little food trickles from the countryside. Food carts are attacked by gangs of children who slash grain sacks with razors. The other day grain was spilled off a horse-cart onto the street. Instantly, people closed in from all sides. The drivers sprang into a defensive circle, cudgels raised. The crowd stared down at the grain with empty eyes, murmured and dispersed.

The onetime Pittsburgh of Manchuria has decayed into a village economy. Now over 1,000,000 people surround a living is a mystery to any foreigner.

You see students pulling pedicabs, women working ancient handlooms, people begging for food from door to door. The city is selling the clothes of the few back to buy the little food from the countryside. The newspapers report suicides.

A plane ticket is a passport to salvation. To buy one people sell their last possessions on the pavements. Those less fortunate—but still with something to lose—walk out toward the south at the rate of almost 2,000 daily.

#### Passive Misery

The really destitute have not the strength left for the journey. They sit in the spring sunshine and at least they would not die of cold as many have during the winter.

Amidst this passive misery, there is a convulsive black-market. You can still buy anything—for a price. A recent murder disclosed that the victim—an army colonel—had ten gold bars.

How long Mukden can continue before crossing the line from acute malnutrition to famine is difficult to predict. The Chinese city can absorb terrific punishment, missionaries point out. There is still some trade with the Communist area.

A lot depends on the autumn harvest. The United States China Relief Mission is flying in seed since farmers have consumed

much of theirs. It is generally feared, however, that if it comes it might be seized by the Communists.

"The worst thing is hunger which is spreading not at a steady rate but in geometric progression," a British missionary, G. Taylor, said. "Six months ago the people were manning. Today they are hardly recognizable. A month or two hence it is hard to see how they will get by."

United Press.

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#### Submarines For Turkey

Ankara, May 23.  
Four submarines, the 1,520 tons Boarfish, Eril, Blueback and Chubb, were handed over to the Turkish Navy by the United States at a special ceremony today.

With mixed American and Turkish crews, the ships left New London, Connecticut, on April 20 and reached Smyrna on May 11.—Reuter.

## Wallace Keeps Up Attack

New York, May 23.  
Henry A. Wallace called upon the U.S. Senate today to approve an anti-lynching bill and other civil rights legislation before recessing the present session of Congress.

The Third Party Presidential candidate said he believed no legislation "could be of greater importance to the protection of millions of negro citizens in a period of growing attack on their democratic rights."

Last night Mr. Wallace challenged the top leaders of the nation's bipartisan foreign policy to a series of debates on it.

He declared in a speech at Spokane, Washington, that the proposed debates should include the "very vital and difficult problem of Germany and Japan," as well as China and Korea. On Germany and Japan, he said, "We will give evidence that our present policies in both countries violate every objective we proclaimed during the war."

Of Korea and China, he remarked, "Our evidence will show that the US\$5,000,000,000 in aid we have given the Fascist dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek since V-J Day is completely wasted," and that "we cannot lick the idea of Communism with guns."—Associated Press.

## Why Merchants Leave Home

Shanghai, May 24.  
A responsible official of the Shanghai Industrial Association was quoted by the Chinese press today as stating that the various Government regulations and restrictions made it impossible for industries to be profitably operated in Shanghai and other cities in the Yangtze Valley.

He said that the Government had taken steps to stop the removal of industries to Shanghai and South China cities, but it ought to realize that in some cases the industries found removal to the south the only alternative to shutting up altogether.—Reuter.

## Turkish Foreign Policy Statement

Ankara, May 24.  
M. Nechmeddin Sadak, Turkish Foreign Minister, declared that the peoples of the world were on the alert and even the most optimistic could not say a more stable era was in sight. Of recent collaboration moves in Western Europe, he told a Republican People's Party meeting at Sivas: Even the little states which once sought security in policy of neutrality today find it useful to join in this movement.

There were two main factors in this development, he said: "Britain has consented to be no longer an island and has joined the continent. The United States is convinced that the defence of the Atlantic begins in the Eastern Mediterranean."

"American help to increase Turkey's means of defence and thus preserve peace is continuing, and we hope it may still continue. Our people greet it thankfully."

"Turkey's policy is peace," he declared. But Turkey would consent to fighting if it was a question of her freedom and independence.

#### Peace Not Possible

The recent United States approach to Russia, he said, has "proved once again that peace is not possible."

## Americans Interned

Banbeck, Lebanon, May 23.  
Sixty nine young Jews, most of whom freely state they want to fight for new-born Israel state are today in a Lebanese internment camp.

They were moved to Banbeck after removal by the Lebanese authorities from the U. S. ship Marine Carp en route to Haifa. There are 41 Americans, 23 Palestinians, three Canadians, one Pole and one holder of an American identification card in the group.

Most of the Americans had passports issued from countries of Western Europe. All said they embarked at New York. They complained about Arab food served at the former French military camp, shortage of news, and inactivity.

None were happy about an unofficial suggestion, that they be returned to America.

In Beirut, the American Legation received dozens of cables from worried relatives.—Associated Press.

## Britain's Biggest Power Failure

London, May 23.  
Britain's biggest power failure for many years today put the British Broadcasting Corporation's transmitters out of action, and stopped London's Underground trains and trams and trolley buses over a wide area.

The breakdown, which the authorities controlling the country's nationalised electricity said was due "to a shortage of plant and heavy demands arising from cold weather," affected points as far distant as Brighton on the South Coast, and King's Lynn—nearly 200 miles apart.

In some places power was not restored for four hours. Electric cranes at Folkestone harbour failed, and gangs of men had to bring baggage and mails ashore from the Channel steamer from France.—Reuter.

The Southern Electric trains were stranded from 1225 BST to 1400 BST and all signals were inoperative. A railway official said, "Luckily there were not many trains running on these lines at that time." The breakdown was caused by a fault in the grid line between Brimsdown and Watford and isolated a number of power stations from the main system.—United Press.

## Atomic Proving Ground At Eniwetok

Washington, May 23.  
The recent successful test in the Pacific of three United States "atomic weapons of improved design" constituted, it is now learned, "tests of production line model" bombs now being turned out at plants throughout the country.

To quote Lieutenant General John Hull, commander of the joint task force which conducted the test and built up Eniwetok Atoll as a permanent proving ground:

"The tests were literally and truly field laboratory tests designed to determine how the bombs now under development by the United States would work and to determine their efficiency. We got our answers."

"These answers belong to the United States and, naturally, are not for publication. It can be stated, however, that these bombs worked."

It is not at all clear in what details the three bombs touched off at Eniwetok differ one from the other.

Dr. Froman, the scientific director of the test, said, however, that the explosions were all part of one experiment. It is, therefore, presumed in unofficial but experienced scientific quarters here that they were not vastly different.

"The model tests were selected carefully in order to make the information obtained from one test supplementary to that obtained from another," Dr. Froman said.

Dr. Froman insisted that, while a large part of the data obtained has yet to be fully examined, what has already been learned is "enough to have made the tests profitable." The tests will go on.

The Eniwetok testing ground is now fully established and will be used, though under cover of secrecy, in all respect, from time to time.

As Captain Russell puts it: "The failure to test new developments would quickly throttle the design of improved weapons. America's pre-eminence in the field of atomic energy is not a static thing. It depends on achievement, day to day, year to year, and test to test."—Reuter.

Although contact was said to have been made between Huk commander-in-chief Luis Taruc somewhere in central Luzon, President Quirino last night told newsmen he did not expect anything to happen in the next 24 hours.—Reuter.

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## Bid To Revive Silk Industry

Canton, May 24.  
Measures are being taken here to rehabilitate the silk industry and to help Kwangtung merchants, according to local reports.

A plan covering both objectives is said to have been drafted by Dr. T. V. Soong, the Governor, and the China Silk Corporation.

It is further reported that the Corporation's Kwangtung office would soon be transferred to Shuntak where a model silk-worm raising and mulberry plantation will be set up to train farmers.

It is understood that the Farmers Bank of China will participate in this work and grant loans to the silk industry.—Reuter.

## Iran Arrests Alleged

Moscow, May 23.  
Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper, stated today that 126 Gorgana and Bender-shah, and in the Mazandaran district of Northern Persia within a few days after martial law was proclaimed on May 8.

These "reprisals" by military units under the command of General Afshar were being taken in the first place against former members of the People's Party as well as those supporting the establishment of good neighbourly relations with the USSR, Pravda declared.

Among those arrested were many Armenians and Azerbaijanians who wanted to be repatriated to the USSR, the paper added.—Reuter.

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# U.S. LIBERALS' PROTEST Urge Delay In Bill To Control Communists Freedom Of Expression In Peril

Washington, May 23.

Seven national organizations and 35 prominent Americans have asked the Senate Judiciary Committee to defer action in this session of Congress on the Mundt-Nixon Communist control bill.

In a telegram to the Committee chairman, Senator Alexander Wiley, they protested that the House-approved measures were "unnecessary and unprecedented restrictions upon political activity."

They said it "violates constitutional privileges, freedom of expression and political activity."

The signatories emphasized that they were "profoundly opposed to Communism and were aware of its danger to democracy."

The telegram was made public by the anti-Communist American Civil Liberties Union, American Veterans Committee, National Council of Jewish Women, Friends, Committee on National Legislation, Women's Trade Union League and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Individual signatories included the ADA Chairman, Leon Henderson; ADA Vice-Chairman, Franklin Roosevelt, Jr.; Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick; Rabbi Stephen Wise; the newspaper publisher, Palmer Hoyt; labor leader Walter Reuther; A. F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

They said the Senate's crowded legislative calendar did not give adequate time for public examination of the bill's constitutionality. "Its tendency to drive Communists underground and its dangers to freedom of expression for non-Communist minority groups." "We can think of no reason for haste in passing legislation such as this which would endanger the traditional guarantees of constitutional liberty on which our Republic is based," they said.—United Press.

## MacArthur Memorial

Manila, May 23.

A commemorative plaque marking the return to Luzon of General Douglas MacArthur on January 5, 1945 was unveiled this morning in the course of a colorful public ceremony at Bonuan Beach in Dagupan City, north of Manila.

Maj. Gen. Albert M. Jones, head of the United States Military Mission to the Philippines, officiated. In representation of SCAP he read out a message to the Filipino people from the Allied supreme commander in Japan.—Reuter.

## Vinegar Joe And Lord Louis

New York, May 23.

The late General Joseph (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell, wartime commander of United States forces in the China-Burma-India Theatre, regarded the British Supreme Commander, Lord Louis Mountbatten, as a university undergraduate, according to letters he wrote to Mrs. Stilwell. The letters, along with various jottings, negotiations and command-journal entries made by the famous American commander, are now being published here in book form.—Reuter.

## Senate May (Or May Not) Call MacArthur

Washington, May 23.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will decide this week whether to invite General MacArthur home.

The committee chairman, Styles Bridges, said he would ask for a vote this week on whether to invite MacArthur as a witness at hearings on funds to fight the "cold war" in the Far East.

Backers of MacArthur for President think he should be called. They would like to have the Pacific War hero make a triumphant return before the Republican National Convention meets on June 21 to pick its Presidential nominee. MacArthur has not been in the United States since the war ended.

MacArthur backers concentrated on getting him to appear before the Senate Committee because its hearings are open. It offers a better chance for publicity than the closed sessions of the House Appropriations Committee which is holding hearings on the same project. The Senate Committee would provide an excellent sounding board for MacArthur to expound his views on Communism and other world issues without appearing as a Presidential candidate. He cannot campaign as long as he is in uniform. Army regulations say that a man on active duty may accept nomination for public office only if it is tendered without any activity and obligation on his part.

Whether the general would accept the Committee invitation is anybody's guess. Bridges has taken no stand publicly for or against the invitation.

Kenneth D. McKellar, ranking Democrat of the Committee, said he did not know how he would vote but he raised the question whether it was a campaign maneuver. Kenneth S. Wherry said he would vote to invite MacArthur "on a strictly non-political basis" because he said "MacArthur's knowledge on Far Eastern affairs is of vital importance to the Committee."

Joseph Ball firmly opposed, pointing out that MacArthur was invited once before and "indicated that he did not deem it advisable to return because of his duties."—United Press.

## Greek Township Retaken

Athens, May 23.

After two days of heavy fighting, Greek Army units compelled guerrilla forces to withdraw last night from the strategic town of Paramythia in the western province of Epirus, military sources in Yannina reported today.

The retreating guerrillas were believed to have carried some 60 villagers with them.

On Friday, the guerrillas claimed to have entered Paramythia, which is 25 miles from Yannina on the important sea road. The garrison inside the town was only 40 strong and, though without food, held out against the strong guerrilla attacks. They were now said to have joined the regular units in pursuing the guerrillas northwards.

Five civilians were killed and three wounded, meanwhile, when bandits today were reported to have ambushed a passenger bus travelling between Kambos and Kalamas in the Peloponnese.—Reuter.

## Empire Day Warning

Melbourne, May 23.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, leader of the Australian Parliamentary Opposition, today declared the Empire "will pass into history within 15 years unless British people all over the world begin furiously to think of their relations with one another."

Only a united empire, speaking with one voice, could restore Britain to her former position in world affairs, he asserted in an Empire Day speech here.

It was "inconceivable" that there had not been a high-level conference between British nations since the war, he said.—Reuter.

## NO SIGNIFICANCE

Damascus, May 23.

Ahmad Bey Sharrat, Minister for National Defence of Syria, resigned today.

His portfolio is taken by Premier Jamil Mardany who also is Minister of Foreign Affairs. Ahmad Bey has been Minister for National Affairs since 1944. His resignation was termed as purely administrative, having no connection with military operations.—Associated Press.

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## Egyptian Doctor "Pirated"

Amman, May 23.

Trans-Jordan today accused the Jews of "piracy" for allegedly capturing an Egyptian doctor and five members of a first aid staff attached to the Red Crescent a counterpart of the Red Cross.

A Government declaration said that the Zionist organization responsible "has no international character and are therefore to be considered as gangsters and mischief makers."

The declaration said: "A complaint was made by the Egyptian Red Crescent Society to the effect that the Jews had captured an Egyptian doctor and five members of a first aid staff attached to the Red Crescent in addition to an ambulance."

"The captured medical staff were unarmed and performing humane duties. This act is in contravention of all human conventions and a breach of promise made by the Jews to the International Red Cross."

"Trans-Jordan wishes it to be made known that it considers such an act as an act of piracy and that the Zionist organization responsible for its commission have no international character and are therefore to be considered as gangsters and mischief makers who should be prosecuted for laws passed for the protection of persons attached to the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent institutions."

"The Trans-Jordan Government makes this statement to warn such humane institutions against Zionist crimes."—United Press.

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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from Foreign Lands.  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary. "Peter Duck" by Arthur Banerjee, Epilogue.  
6.30 p.m.—"The Finding of the Treasure" Read by Captain Flint. (Studio).  
6.30 p.m.—Club Walkers' Introduction. Jill Manners & Stewart MacPherson. (O.R.B.S.).  
7.00 p.m.—Interlude.  
7.05 p.m.—Pianoforte Music by Rachmaninoff.  
7.30 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Aileen Woods. (Studio)  
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)  
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9.00 p.m.—Summer Orchestral Concerts. "The Great Masters" Mozart.  
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)  
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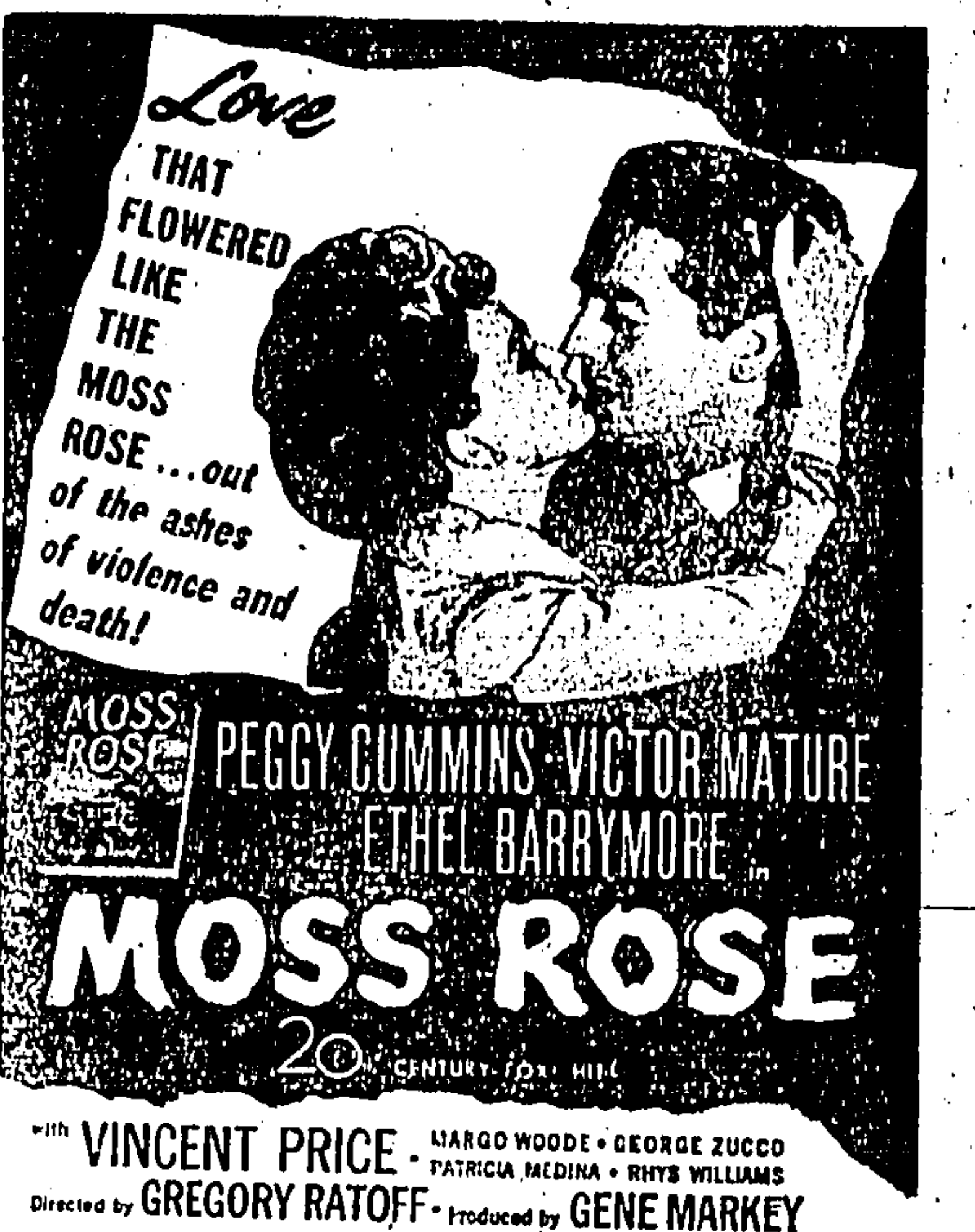
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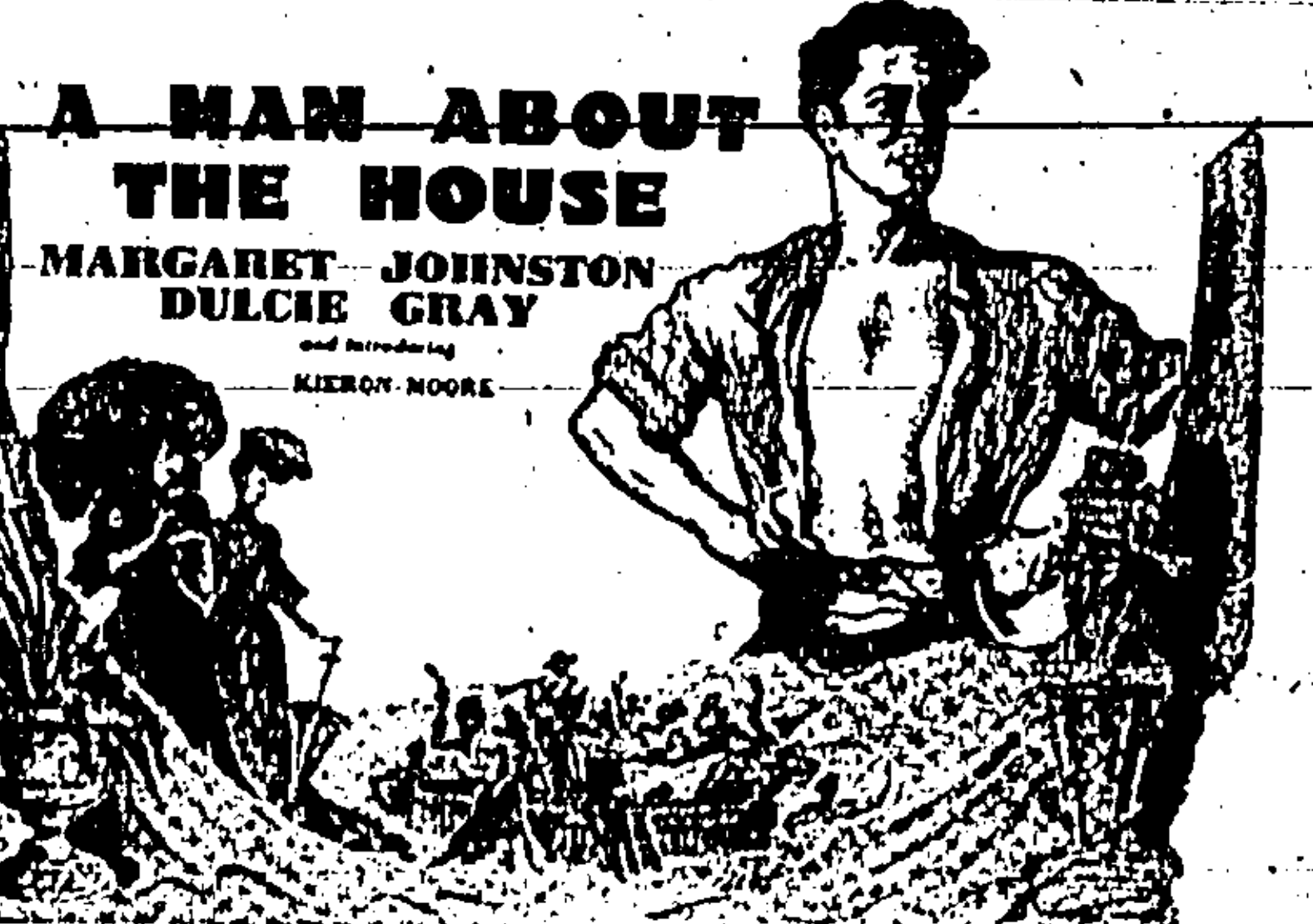
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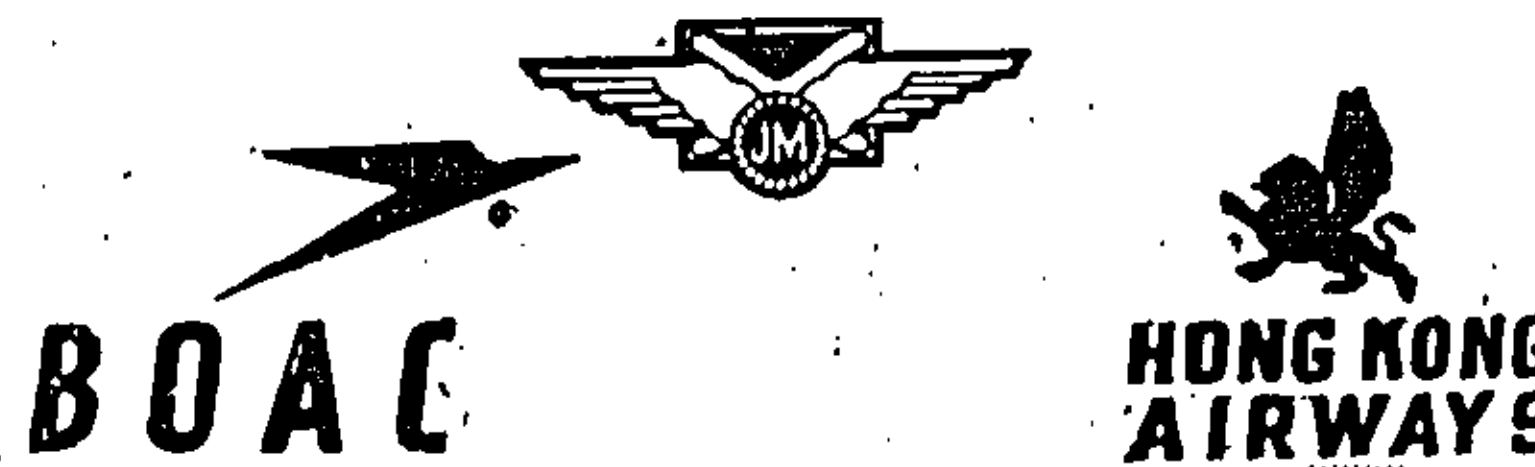
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It is more than a year ago since there was discussion about elaborate schemes for replacing the old private matsheds by extensive public pavilions and dressing-rooms. Quite a comprehensive report was produced by a committee appointed to study the over-all problem of catering to the public need on public beaches. The recommendations were submitted as a matter of urgency, although it was blithely admitted that it was unlikely that any great progress could be made to take care of the 1947 summer season! At the beginning of the summer of 1948, plans have still not advanced beyond the drawing-board stage, and folly of follies, no official indication has been given of the nature of the refinements to the original plans, a serious error because there are reasons to believe that the modifications would rouse a storm of criticism.

We have come, when having to deal with governmental methods, to expect these interminable delays, usually explained by the inability of someone along the line of the file circuit to make up his mind, but this particular problem appears to be so lacking in complexity that the inaction is almost inexcusable. If one can imagine the Government granting a franchise for the whole of the beach to a privately-capitalised company, the job would have been completed months ago, and the public would now be greeted by facilities designed to attract, instead of what Government ultimately intends to perpetrate, some barn-like structures without any defence from the sun except such as may be cast by their own shadows. We might, too, have seen the appearance of a pier, one of those things considered to be an absolutely essential feature of any bathing resort in the British Isles, and a feature which would quadruple the number of people which Repulse Bay could comfortably handle. If it were to be done at all, it would pay for itself over and over again, it would have to be a big-scale project, with a bigger, brighter and better Blackpool atmosphere about the conception. Both imagination and energy would be required, which makes us a little chary of urging upon the government the high possibilities which exist in such a scheme. Perhaps when we get our



In all their wars and troubles in my lifetime I have been bound up with the French, and I believed that they would do as much for me as for any other foreigner alive. War I could not move them. When I pressed very hard, they used a method of refusal which I never met before or since. M. Daladier told me with an air of indifference that "The exceptional formality" of the President of the Republic himself had intervened, and that no aggressive action must be taken which might only draw reprisals upon France.

This idea of not irritating the enemy did not commend itself to me. Hitler had done his best to strangle our commerce by the indiscriminate mining of our harbours. We had beaten him. Good, decent, civilised people, it appeared, must never strike themselves till after they have been struck dead. In these days the fearful German volcano and all its subterranean fires drew near to their explosion-point. There were still months of pretended war. On one side endless discussions about trivial points, no decisions taken, or if taken rescinded, and the rule "don't be unkind to the enemy, you will only make him angry." On the other, doom preparing—a vast machine grinding forward ready to break upon us!

The defeat of Finland was fatal to the Daladier Government, whose chief had taken so marked, if tardy, action, and who had personally given disproportionate prominence to this part of our anxieties. On March 21 a new Cabinet was formed under M. Reynaud, pledged to an increasingly vigorous conduct of the war. My relations with M. Reynaud stood on a different footing from any I had established with M. Daladier. Reynaud, Mandel and I had felt the same emotions about Munich. Daladier had been on the other side, I therefore welcomed the change in the French Government, and I also hoped that my fluvial mines would now have a better chance of acceptance.

Mr. Churchill to M. Reynaud, March 22, 1940. I cannot tell you how glad I am that all has been accomplished so successfully and speedily and especially that Daladier has been rallied to your cause. This is much admired over here, and also Blum's self-effacing behaviour.

I rejoice that you are at the helm, and that Mandel is with you, and I look forward to the very closest and most active co-operation between our two Governments. I look forward to an early meeting of the Supreme Council, where I trust concerted action may be arranged between French and English colleagues—for that is what we are.

The French Ministers came to London for a meeting of the Supreme War Council on March 28. Mr. Chamberlain opened with a full and clear description of the scene as he saw it. To my great satisfaction he said his first proposal was that "a certain operation, generally known as 'Royal Marine,' should be put into operation immediately."

The British anticipated that this attack would create the utmost consternation and confusion. It was well-known that no people were more thorough than the Germans in preparation and planning, but equally no people could be more completely upset when their plans miscarried. They could not improvise.

Again, he said the war had found the German railways in a precarious state, and therefore their dependence on their inland waterways had increased. In addition to the floating mines other weapons had been designed to be dropped from aircraft in canals within Germany itself, where there was no current. Secrecy would be endangered by delay, and the river conditions would be particularly favourable. As to German retaliation, he said that if Germany

Municipal Council—which will take over the bathing beaches—the idea can safely be promoted. Britain's amusement piers are without exception municipally-owned and are a tremendous asset to the famous seaside resorts—both as an attraction and as a source of revenue. It appears as the one successful way of improving upon what nature has to offer along a coastline and Repulse Bay would lend itself ideally.

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thought it worth while to bomb French or British cities she would not wait for a pretext. Everything was ready. It was only necessary for the French High Command to give the order.

He then unfolded with precision the case for interfering with the German iron-ore supplies from Sweden. He dealt also with the Rumanian and Baku oilfields, which ought to be denied to Germany, if possible by diplomacy. I listened to this powerful argument with increasing pleasure. I had not realised how fully Mr. Chamberlain and I were agreed.

M. Reynaud spoke of the im-

agreed on the following solemn declaration: "That during the present war they would neither negotiate nor conclude an armistice or treaty of peace except by mutual agreement. This pact later acquired high importance."

On April 3 the British Cabinet implemented the resolve of the Supreme War Council, and the Admiralty was authorised to mine the Norwegian "Leads" on April 8. I called the actual mining operation "Wildfire" because by itself it was so small and innocent.

In March, 1940, the British War Cabinet approved Operation "Royal Marine," Mr. Churchill's scheme for mine-laying in the Rhine. All preparations had been made, but it was not possible to get French consent.

port of German propaganda upon French morale. The German radio blared each night that the Reich had no quarrel with France; that the origin of the war was to be found in the blank cheque given by Britain to Poland; that France had been dragged into war on the German side than on ours. When, therefore, could we hope to secure that superiority in manpower required for successful action in the West?

There was a general feeling in France that the war had reached a deadlock, and that Germany had no intention of giving up. Unless some action were taken to cut the enemy's supply of oil and other raw material, "the feeling might grow that blockade was not a weapon strong enough to secure victory for the Allied cause."

About the operation "Royal Marine," he said that though good in itself, it could not be decisive, and that any reprisals would fall upon France. However, if other things were settled, he would make a special effort to secure French concurrence.

He was far more responsive about cutting off supplies of Swedish iron-ore, and he stated that there was an exact relation between the supplies of Swedish iron-ore to Germany and the output of the German iron and steel industry.

It was at last decided that, after addressing communications in general terms to Norway and Sweden, we should lay minefields in Norwegian territorial waters on April 5, and that, subject to the concurrence of the French War Committee, "Royal Marine" should be begun on April 4 by launching the fluvial mines in the Rhine, and on April 15 upon the German canals from the air.

It was also agreed that if Germany invaded Belgium the Allies should immediately move into that country without waiting for a formal invitation; that if Germany invaded Holland, and Belgium did not go to her assistance, the Allies should consider themselves free to enter Belgium for the purpose of helping Holland.

Finally, as an obvious point on which all were at one, the communiqué stated that the British and French Governments had

As our mining of Norwegian waters might provoke a German retaliatory action, it was also agreed that a British brigade and a French contingent should be sent to Narvik to clear the port and advance to the Swedish frontier. Other forces should be dispatched to St. Vanser, Bergen and Trondheim, in order to deny these bases to the enemy.

It is worth-while looking back on the stages by which at last the decision to mine the "Leads" was reached. I had asked for it on September 20, 1939. Nothing relevant had altered in the meanwhile. The moral and technical objections on the score of neutrality, the possibility of German retaliation against Norway, the importance of stopping the flow of iron-ore from Narvik to Germany, the effect on neutral and world-wide opinion—all were exactly the same.

Now after all this vain boggling, hesitation, changes of policy, arguments between good and worthy people unending, we had at last reached the simple point on which action had been demanded seven months before.

But in war seven months is a long time. Now Hitler was ready, and ready with a far more powerful and well-prepared plan. One can hardly find a more perfect example of the impotence and fatuity of waging war by committee or rather by groups of committees.

It fell to my lot in the weeks which followed to bear much of the burden and some of the odium of the ill-starred Norwegian campaign, the course of which will presently be described. Had I been allowed to act with freedom and design when I first demanded permission, a far more agreeable conclusion might have been reached in this key theatre, with favourable consequences in every direction. But now all was to be disaster.

He who will not when he may. When he will, he shall have Nay.

It may here be right to set forth the various offensive proposals and devices which in my subordinate position I put forward during the Twilight War. The first was the entry and domination of the Baltic, which was the sovereign plan if it were possible. It was vetoed by the growing realisation of the air power.

The second was the creation of a close-action squadron of naval

"tortises," not too much afraid of the air-bomb or torpedo, by the reconstruction of the Royal Sovereign class of battleships. This fell by the way through the movement of the war and the priorities which had to be given to aircraft-carriers.

The third was the simple tactical operation of laying mines in the Norwegian "Leads" to cut off the vital German iron-ore supplies.

Fourthly comes "Cultivator No. 6" (high-speed mechanical excavators)—a long-term means for breaking a deadlock on the French front without a repetition of the slaughter of the previous war. This was superseded by the onrush of German armour turning our own invention of tanks to our undoing, and proving the ascendancy of the offensive in this new war.

The fifth was the operation "Royal Marine," the paralysing of traffic on the Rhine by the cropping and discharge of fluvial mines. This played its limited part and proved its virtue from the moment when it was permitted. It was, however, swept

away in the general collapse of the French resistance. In any case, it required prolonged application to cause major injury to the enemy.

To sum up: in the war of armies on the ground I was under the thrall of defensive firepower. On the sea I strove persistently within my sphere to assert the initiative against the enemy as a relief from the terrible ordeal of presenting our enormous target of sea commerce to his attack.

But in this prolonged trance of the Twilight or "Phoney" war, as it was commonly called in the United States, neither France nor Britain was capable of meeting the German vengeance thrust. It was only after France had been flattened out that Britain, thanks to her island advantage, developed out of the pangs of defeat and the menace of annihilation a national resolve equal to that of Germany.

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## Natural Charms Hide Toughness

By E. O. O'Brien.

What sort of man is he, who wherever he goes, draws record crowds of enthusiasts. What is his secret? Why was it that last July, when he went down to Cardiff, 40,000 people—the biggest crowd ever attracted by a political occasion in Wales—in living memory—came to hear him? Why was it that, when he went on to "children's day" last summer at Leeds, it took a dozen brawny police to force a way for him through the attracted crowds—many of whom were probably political opponents?

What is the secret? Perhaps it is his integrity. The British public has a certain odd instinctive knowledge. It knows the Anthony Eden of tradition—perfectly failed, wearing the hat to which he gave his name, the charming centrepiece of photographs and newscasts.

But he has perceived something more. The X-ray eye of the public has seen the streak of tempered steel that is in his backbone—the steel which is concealed by his charm (as the hecklers at his "tougher" meetings have discovered to their cost).

It has realised that it would be no more possible for Anthony Eden to lend his name to policies or practices of which he disapproved than that pigs should become airborne.

It remembers his resignation of the Foreign Secretaryship for conscientious reasons in 1938.

For Anthony Eden is a North countryman with all the moral values that that entails. Perhaps the accent should be on the "countryman." He is a fine linguist, he has travelled as a private citizen or as the representative of his country all over the face of the world. He has inherited from his father, Sir William Eden, not merely a gift for water colour painting, but a taste in books and pictures which

would have earned him a fortune as a private dealer. His work keeps him in cities and engaged in the problems of the nation's industry. But if you were to give him a choice—tell him that he had to give up political life—he would, I think, become a farmer, certainly a gardener. His fans would scarcely recognise the immaculate Anthony Eden of the photograph in the absorbed, completely happy, shabbily shirted and trousered gardener who presses his guests into the task of digging and delving. But they would like him none the less.

I have two other pictures of him. I have a picture of a Soviet Embassy function last summer. Neglected, nobody speaking to them, were the members of the Government headed by Mr. Attlee—the Prime Minister—transiently embraced phantoms.

Two people had big, eager knots of Russians round them. One was Winston Churchill. The other Anthony Eden—two people whom the Russians respected.

Fine Soldier

The other picture is of a door-man saying, as he went by: "You know, I was in Mr. Eden's Company in the 60th. He was the finest regimental officer we ever had." And with that his platoon sergeant whose life he saved in No Man's Land (when he got his M.C. at the age of 18) would agree.

Even that is not the whole secret of his hold over the public. Real charm is not synthetic. To have a lasting effect it must come from the heart, be as natural as breathing.

Anthony Eden, for all his fundamental toughness, for all his intolerance of the things he thinks wrong, has a natural instinctive courtesy and consideration for others. Perhaps that is his secret.

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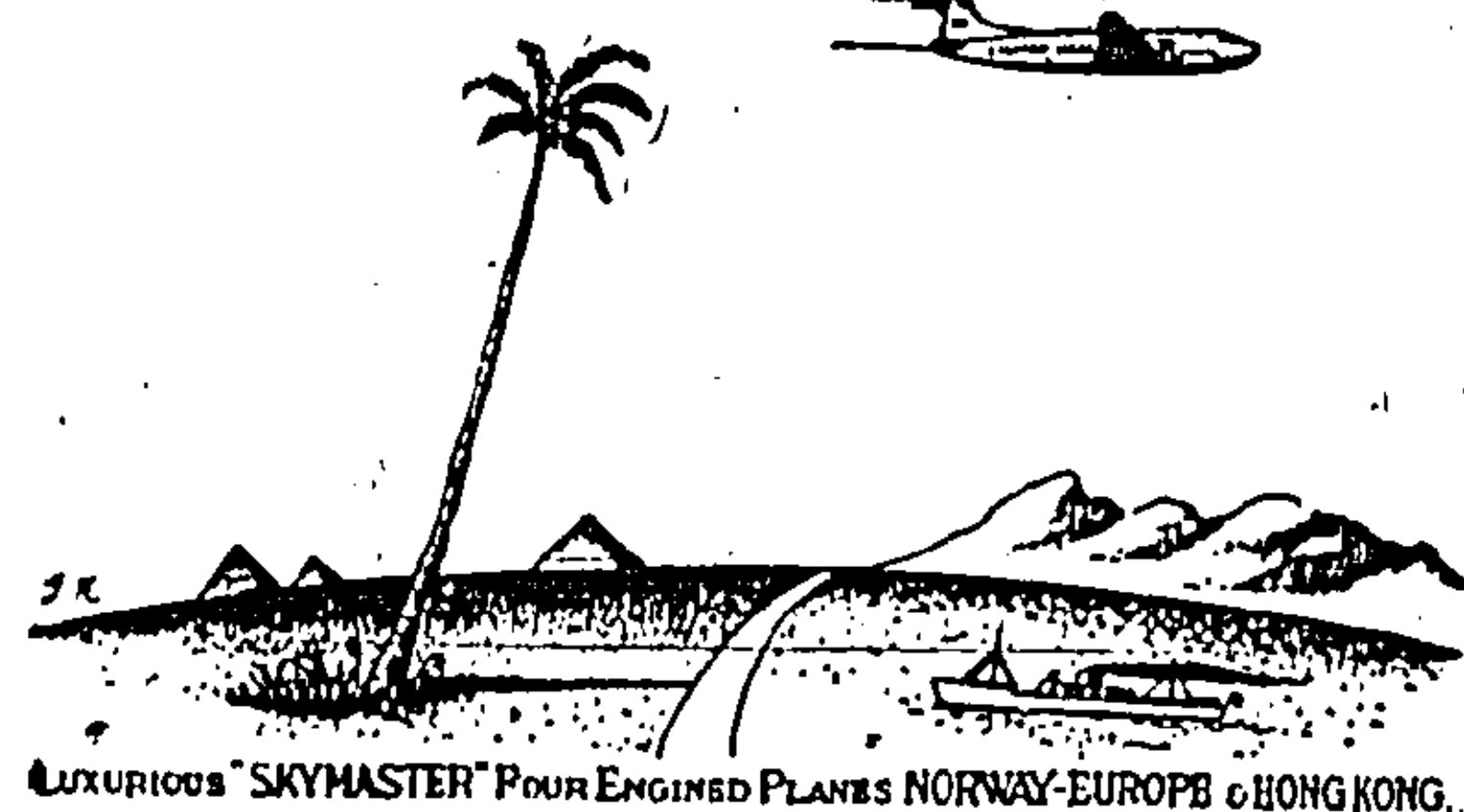
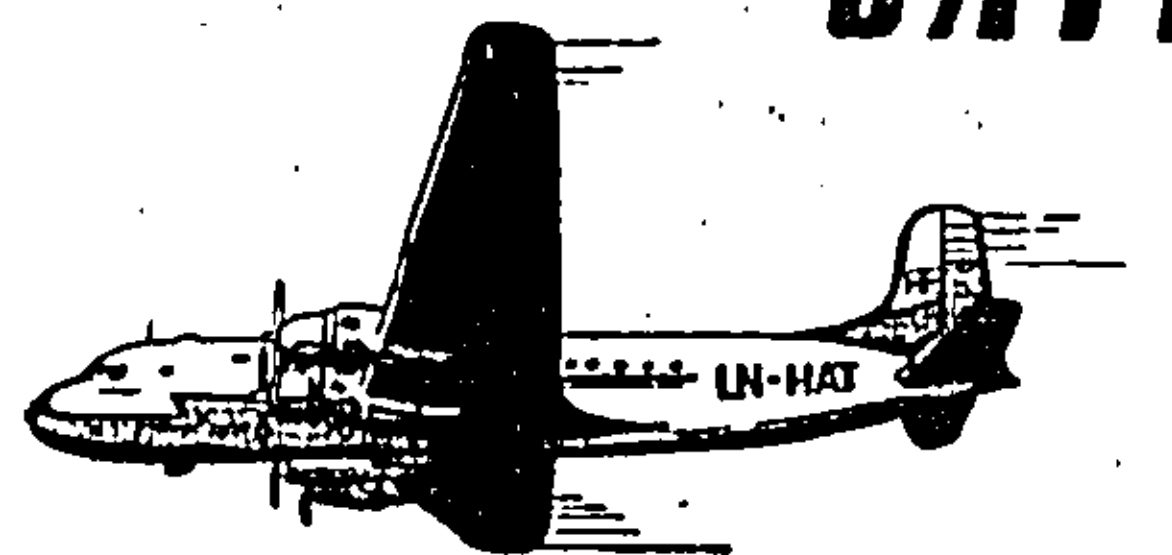
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# Israel Accepts Truce Request

## Ready To Stop Shooting War If Arabs Do Bitter Fighting For Jerusalem Proceeding

Washington, May 23.

The Jewish Agency has informed the United States member of the United Nations Truce Commission in Jerusalem that it was prepared to call a cease-fire in Palestine at 8 o'clock in the evening (Jerusalem time) Monday.

The Jewish Agency stated that if the Arabs agree to lay down their arms earlier, the Jewish cease-fire order would be effective from the time the Arabs stopped fire.

The Agency statement added: "If after 2000 hours Jewish local time the other side does not cease fire, the Jewish defence must continue."

While an Arab Legion communiqué issued at Amman tonight said that Legion forces had entered the settlement of Rachel, in Jerusalem's southern suburbs, a British consular guard was killed and a member of an American naval unit seriously wounded in the Holy City, according to a report made to the British military authorities in Haifa.

The Jewish Agency offer for a cease-fire for the whole of Palestine was communicated to the American Vice-Consul in Jerusalem who replaced Mr. Thomas Wassick, the Consul who died from wounds received in Jerusalem yesterday.

The cease-fire, as understood here, means a standstill—both political and military—which would in effect be to the advantage of the Jews, according to an Arab spokesman. The Jewish agreement to a cease-fire on the deadline set by the Security Council for tomorrow was not unexpected.

In Jewish circles it had been emphasised for some time that the Jews would be prepared to cease fire any time, as the Israel was in possession of almost the entire area allotted to her by the United Nations partition plan.

**Hadassah Hospital**  
Latest news from Jerusalem's fighting front, meanwhile, reveals that King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan has apparently agreed in principle to the evacuation of the Jewish medical staff from Hadassah Hospital in the city, now said to be completely surrounded.

Condition of the evacuation was that Jewish forces, holding out in the Hospital and the nearby Hebrew University, must be withdrawn. Meanwhile, the American delegation to the United Nations has been instructed to bring the Palestine case once more before the Security Council if the Jews and Arabs have not ceased fighting by 8 o'clock tomorrow evening, Jerusalem time.

The cease-fire order adopted by the Council last night to come into force within 36 hours was only a temporary measure. It is understood the United States has not given up hope of forcing the United Nations to recognise that there is a breach of the peace under the meaning of Article 39 of the Charter.

**Stronger Terms**  
If the latest Security Council's cease-fire order is disregarded by the Arabs—as it is expected it will be—then in the opinion of experts this will make it possible to bring the matter before the Council in stronger terms and for the United States to lift its embargo on arms to Palestine.

While the world awaited the result of the cease-fire order, Egyptian and Arab Legion forces have joined up two miles south of Jerusalem and are reported to be making a combined attack on the city.

Announcing the link-up, Azzam Pasha, Arab League Secretary General, declared in Amman, Transjordan's capital, that Jerusalem was "doomed."

As the 1,000 defenders prepared for a last-ditch stand in the dust and ruins of the Old City, a Jerusalem report received in Cyprus told of the combined attack by the two armies on the Jews.

**Stiff Resistance**  
Messages from the Old City indicated that the defenders were still putting up stiff resistance, but a Jewish communiqué admitted they were heavily pressed.

In Amman it was announced that King Abdullah would have "good news" on Tuesday—Transjordan's independence day.

A Legion communiqué, meanwhile, said tonight that Jewish casualties were very heavy.

It claimed an advance in the southern part of Jerusalem, thus completing the encirclement of Jewish forces in the southern part of the city. Legion artillery had shelled Jewish concentrations in the Western and other districts of the city, it was added.

Jewish aircraft, meanwhile, raided Arab concentrations in the

Jordan Valley for the fourth successive night, according to a Jewish communiqué.

**Cairo Talks**

A late despatch from Cairo, in the meantime, said that all the Middle East Governments are giving "urgent consideration" to the Security Council's "cease-fire" call. Decisions were expected later tonight or tomorrow.

In the meantime, any decision to lift the arms embargo in Washington is seen in London as the most serious threat to Anglo-Arabian relations. This, it is considered, would be a move most likely to prolong and intensify the war.

**Foreign Secretary**—Mr. Ernest Bevin is authoritatively reported to have told the American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, that it was vital that America and Britain should not drift apart over Palestine.

In London, also, the British Air Ministry confirmed that the death toll of Royal Air Force personnel following the attack by Egyptian planes on Ramat David airfield in the British evacuation area, was now four.

The Ministry also stated that two IAF men were seriously injured, and three slightly injured.

It added that 10 Spitfires had arrived at Nicosia airport, in Cyprus, to strengthen the RAF fighter forces based on the island. It is understood the planes will operate over Palestine.

Another report from London says that Mr. Harold Evans, appointed by the United Nations as Municipal Commissioner for Jerusalem, arrived at London airport from New York tonight on his way to Cairo.—Reuter.

**Arabs On The Spot**

**Late Success**—May 23. Israel's surprise cease-fire offer put the Arabs on the spot in the United Nations tonight.

Arab spokesmen said they had received no information on what action their Governments would take, but some reiterated the Arab determination to wrest all Palestine from Jewish control.

Faris el Khoury of Syria and Mahmoud Bey Faouzi of Egypt said that so far as their instructions were concerned, the Arabs still insisted there could be no truce agreement which would permit the existence of the new State of Israel.

Israel's decision is regarded here as a telling diplomatic manoeuvre. The United Nations anxiously awaits Arab reaction, for without a similar move by the Arab leaders the Palestine war will still be on.

The Council will then have before it the case of an important appeal defied by a group of seven States, six of them UN members. It is considered possible that Arab defiance in face of Israel's acceptance of the truce order would give the Americans and Russians the necessary votes they have so far failed to win.—United Press.

**Bollaert Takes Note Of Xuyan Govt.**

**Saigon, May 23.**  
M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, has sent a letter to General Nguyen van Xuyan, Premier of the first provisional Government for Vietnam, taking note of the formation of a Central Vietnam Government, and recognising that General Xuyan has been charged with its formation.

The letter was read today by General Xuyan at a ceremony in the palace of the Southern Vietnam Government. General Xuyan announced officially today that the seat of the new Government would be at Hanoi.

Generally well-informed Vietnamese sources said that following General Xuyan's declaration last week that the seat of the Central Government would be at Hanoi, in the palace of Bao Dai, ex-emperor of Annam, Bao Dai telegraphed General Xuyan a categorical protest against this plan.

The "Voice of Vietnam", the radio of Ho Chi-minh's Autonomous Movement, broadcast a statement that Father Nguyen Balut, re-

## Potter's Bar Mystery

**Bar, London, May 23.**  
Discovery of a human hand and arm in a golf course pond at Potter's Bar started an investigation by Scotland Yard today.

The find was made by boys hunting for golf balls.—Associated Press.

## Another American Dies

**Washington, May 24.**  
Chief Engineer Herbert M. Walker, United States, has died in Jerusalem, the second American victim of Palestine fighting, the State Department was advised today.

Mr. Thomas Wasson, the Consul-General, who died earlier, will be buried today. There is no further word from official sources on the condition of the third wounded American, Thomas Gannon of Washington, a Consulate guard who was shot in the back as he stood in front of St. Julian's Hotel in Jerusalem last week.

The Department said that Walker died at 8.45 p.m. Jerusalem time yesterday of machinegun wounds he received at 10 minutes after midnight on Friday.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon.—United Press.

**Copenhagen, May 23.**  
The Chinese Minister to Denmark, Li Tsu-chin, died today at his home from cerebral hemorrhage. He was 57.—United Press.

## No Change In Arab Policy Indicated

Amman, May 23.

Azzam Pasha announced at a press conference that an Egyptian "flying column" had linked up today with Arab Legion units at Rachel's Tomb two miles south of Jerusalem.

He said the Egyptian column was a volunteer group which was trained at the former United States army establishment camp at Huckstep near Cairo. It includes North Africans from Morocco and Libya, he said.

Commenting on the United States recognition of Israel, Azzam said: "We don't understand the American pendulum of politics. It changes over quickly, one day favouring and the next opposing partition and thence suddenly recognising the Jewish state."

He said the Mufti was out of the political picture for the present, but emphasised that Palestine Arabs will finally determine for themselves their future with the Jews as citizens of Palestine.

Arab regulars attacked Jerusalem, Azzam said, to prevent the Zionists from massacring the Arabs.

He declared that the Arabs had never refused to negotiate a

## Catholic Action In Poland

**Warsaw, May 24.**  
The Catholic Church warned Poles today against abandoning their religion and becoming slaves to materialism.

Appealing primarily to the nation's youth now being mobilised by the Communist-led Warsaw regime, a special pastoral letter urged young people to stand firm in their belief in God against "a strenuous nationwide materialistic propaganda."

It warned youths against becoming "victims of economic machinery," and against "the danger of disowning God in exchange for a bigger piece of bread."

The letter was issued by August Cardinal Hlond, primate of Poland, and the Conference of Bishops. They directed that it be read in all Catholic Churches yesterday, Trinity Sunday.—Associated Press.

## Leighton Stuart In Formosa

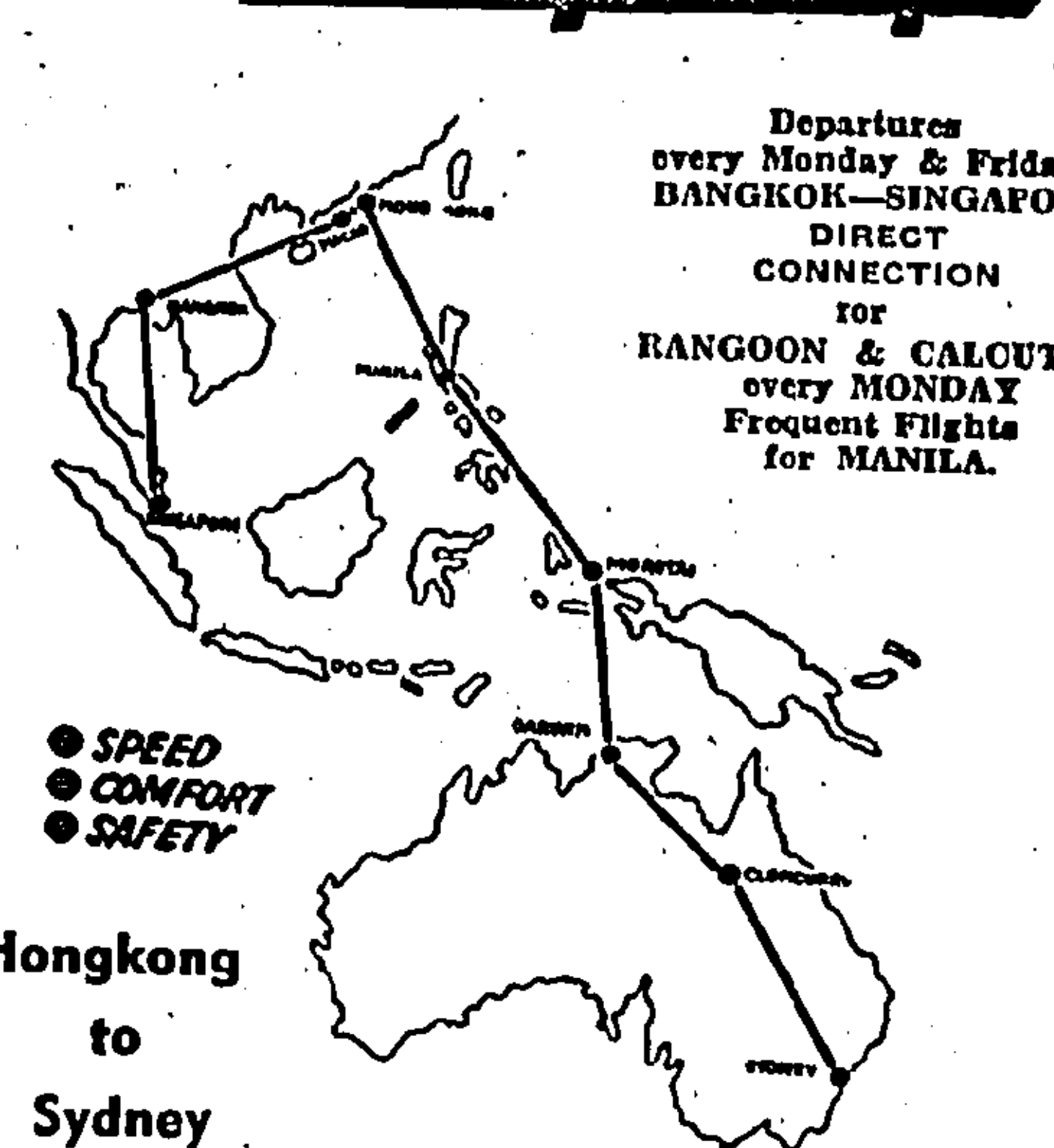
**Shanghai, May 24.**

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, United States Ambassador, arrived at Taipei, capital of Formosa, yesterday afternoon by air from Nanking for his first visit to the island, according to Chinese reports.

He was met by a large group of American and Chinese officials, including General Sun Li-jen, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army Advisory Group in China.

Dr. Stuart, after three days in the capital, will fly to Pingtung, in the southern part of Formosa, to visit the large training centre for Chinese troops organised by American officers.—Reuter.

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# Woman Today

## SPIKE HEELS, FLAT SANDALS, IN NEW STYLES

### King Cotton



GLAMOROUS GLAZED COTTON in red, green and white stripes is used for this ballerina evening dress by Dorville. The saucy little monkey-jacket is severely cut to balance the wide, gathered skirt, caught with two full bows at the waist-band.

### BOWS NEW IN PARIS PARADE

The femininity of bows is emphasized in almost every collection in Paris this spring. Jacques Heim shows bows of all shapes and sizes, little tailored bows fastening trim turn-down collars and large floppy bows of the poetic type finishing the necklines of spotted twill blouses.

Brugere's collection makes a big feature of bows; they take the place of buttons on the front of dresses, trim the back of the neckline or peep from the top of a breast-pocket. Larger bows are the finishing touch to sashes on romantic evening dresses, while elsewhere an immense bow of stiff tulle ribbon interprets the popular bustle movement. Ribbons are also important in the costume jewelry field this season. Pearl and rhinestone pendants hang from black velvet, neck ribbons tied close about the throat in the style of Renoir and Manet paintings.

### Choker Choice

The same type of ribbons are used instead of clasps to fasten single or treble rows of pearls about the throat. Some are worn tight as chokers; others merely encircle the neck in graded rows. "Pearls are as popular this spring as they were during the winter season," says the president of the Paris novelty jewellers' syndicate. They are sometimes worn in ropes casually looped about the throat, while strands of pearls are often intertwined with strings of little gold beads. Coloured beads are being used in costume jewelry too, often of irregular shape, such as those made from opaque plastic materials which have a look of old enamel. More conventional are

By Barbara E. Scott Fisher of The Christian Science Monitor  
Footwear is having its fling. Shoe designers, on their toes, haven't missed a trick.

With great ingenuity and imagination they have made shoes this season which mark a much lighter-hearted approach than anything we have worn for years.

Today it is your footwear which will date your costume more than any other feature of your dress. Your feet will give you away.

The heel height range is terrific. Some heels are sharp and high, some are content to be medium, while those cut on sandal lines sink to such flatness as to imply we've become a race of desert nomads.

At the other extreme, the next group numerically ran to high Louis heels, usually with ankle-strap pumps with the prevailing low-cut sweetheart vamps and high closed backs.

Colour in shoes is important in spring and summer collections. You will see pastels, Mexican combinations, and ombres. Gold kid is no longer considered purely formal. Gold kid appears for day-time, street, and casual shoes and accessories, which is a departure. Gold—and white—also combine for casual wear.

### Gunmetal Patent

Greens, reds, blues, navy, and cocoa are heavily promoted. Black sues find many admirers. Gunmetal patent and black patent are seen.

For dressy afternoon occasions and on into the evening, pale beige satins have a way of blending inoffensively with many colours as well as dark clothes.

One ingenious American designer shows these laced over the instep, tied about the ankle, and finished in a tiny little pussy-cat bell which is no end of fun to wear for dancing.

### Glitter

Another popular medium for jewelry is paste, huge white brilliants recalling the paste necklaces of the Gai Minettes, which either form a choker dog-collars, or lie in decorative plasticlike formation to fill the front of a deep evening décolletage.

Margy Rouff features many of these glittering necklaces with her spring evening dresses, varying them with similar designs made in plain gold like small round coins, or little squares of all linked together in decorative patterns.

The diaphanous evening handkerchief has returned to favour this season. Black chiffon is particularly popular and large squares are trimmed with embroidery in one corner, to be carried in the hand, knotted round the wrist, or tucked negligently into a side pocket. Handkerchiefs play their part in the latest jewelry also, and a folded triangle of coloured chiffon may have little enameled flowers sewn round the point. These are then knotted at the back of the neck to suggest a necklace worn over a little throat-scarf. Pearls and beads are used in a similar manner and provide an unusual neck trimming to dress up any simple frock.

Silhouettes offer great excitement: newest, most graceful, and interpreting the mood of fashion is the shell, which accentuates the long, slim lines of a foot.

The steep Louis-heel opera pump carries out much the same line, but is minus the ankle strap of the shell.

Mabel and Charles Julianelli bring out a lightly laced pump that achieves a completely new look by having the leather thong straight across them.

The T-strap does much for the appearance of some feet; so does the side-swept silhouette in strap arrangement.

Deiman shows a new approach in his high-lacing ankle developed in suede or satin, where metal catches cox the crossed lacing right up to and around the ankle, with the tie at the front.

### Platforms Shrinking

You see some platforms—not so many—and these are moderate in height. Sling pumps with both

open and closed toes, also pumps with closed backs and toes, V or heart throats, and slender, more slightly pointed toes are also patterns people like to wear. Scalloped vamps give a neat, becoming trim without being fussy.

While there is nothing like leather for a shoe, there are occasions when lighter materials of varying textures seem to fit well into the picture. Nylon is light and strong and used in a cool mesh. Gabardine is still liked for street shoes, brocade for evening, and crepe or faille for afternoon.

Reptile skins include alligator, which is one of those leathers that almost never wears out, and several kinds of lizards. These are often seen in colours, and used as pipings and trims on both fabric and other leather shoes. Snakes are lighter, softer, and also come in charming colours.

When it comes to genuine wear and foot comfort, calf and suede remain the favorite leathers.

People used to think there was nothing like a new pair of patent leather pumps for spring, but patent, while still stepping out, does so less frequently, and with less style assurance.

For the conservative taste, black suede and gray suede hold a strong place, while navy and cocoa in suede lie in companionably with many outfits.

## Dressing Up Baby — Paris Fashion

By JANE BARRY

Dressing the woman of adult years is not the only concern of France's vast fashion industry. While some buyers crowd the showrooms of the leading names in the Haute Couture world, others are busy studying the designs of those equally important houses who cater to the requirements of the younger set.

Each house specializing in children's wear has its own form of individuality, each may be said to "cater to a type," just as the leading couturiers do.

There are those whose claim to fame lies in the beauty of their party frocks and dresses for special occasions. Elsewhere specialists in more practical clothes for children attract attention by the simplicity of designs which unite such qualities as comfort, easy washing and pressing, with originality.

Two colours lead in the 1948 fashion chart for the very young—blue and shades of putty or off-white. Among the popular fabrics for spring styles are soft pastel-coloured wools, used for little frocks and tailored coats, while Shantung is a favourite for late spring and summer frocks.

### Piping

The piped or edged trimmings, so current in adult styles are numerous in the children's newest clothes. Blue Shantung frocks come piped with white and white smocking—on soft shades of blue is seen.

Often piping is used to outline the design of a dress and to suggest a bolero to a toddler's dress, when a true bolero would prove too bulky. The kimono or Magyar sleeve makes its appearance in dresses for little girls of eight years and over.

It is suggested in garments for the very young by the introduction of cape-yoke movements in little coats, but the tendency of kimono styles to slip off the shoulders does not make them practical for active youngsters.

### Bright Colours

Contrasting coats and dresses are a fashion note for children of all ages. Bright green coats look well over putty-coloured wool dress, and frequently the dress may be touched with a hint of green embroidery or smocking. While plain-coloured materials hold first place in early spring

styles, there will be many small checks used for summer outfits.

Red and white or blue and white "cluster checks" in gingham and linen make effective romper suits for very small boys and girls. For midsummer, dotted muslin will come into its own and there is a feeling for pinafore styles which can be worn over little white blouses, or without, for sun-play suits.

One of the prettiest summer pinafore styles shown in Paris recently is in white muslin embroidered with pale pink and pale blue dots. The little skirt is gathered into a tiny bodice-band and fastened over the shoulders with bows of the same material which can be opened out for ironing.

Plain muslin and linen dresses are daintily handworked for special occasions and embroidered with quaint animals and nursery quotations for play wear. Colours riot on "pastel" shades and on white in this latter field of design. Mon's Ark and popular nursery rhymes lending classical note to such trimmings.

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Always mop linoleum—with clean, cold water (no soap), dry well, then rub over with the polishing mop.

When starting to cook meat soups, use cold water to extract the juices; boiling water is for vegetable soups, so that they keep their colour.

For children: A few drops of glycerine in the water when blowing bubbles, and the bubbles blown are bigger, beautifully coloured—and float longer!

Linen looks best ironed or pressed on the wrong side, because the weave of the cloth will then stand out.

### "Beachie"

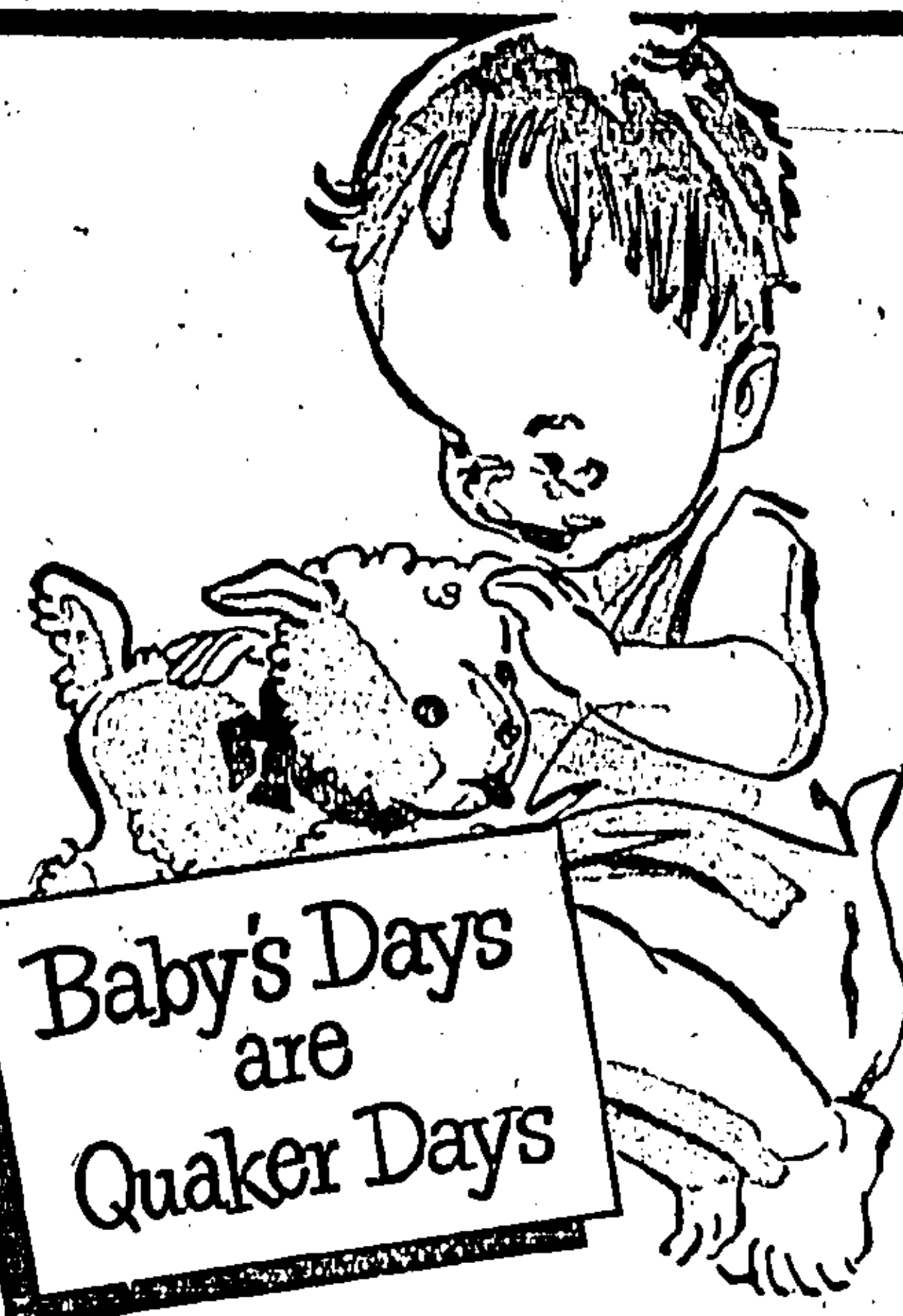


### SWEET SWIMSUITS

A GLAMOROUS GLIMPSE OF SUMMER beach things to come, R.K.O. Radio star Barbara Hale (left) is prepared to launch herself with gingham swim ensemble, "Fanny," sharkskins, "Jersey" and elasticised doo-dahs may come and go, but gingham goes on forever.

Note the fancy cross-cut checks at the bottom of the—ah—panties. The sporty shirt with the three-piece outfit is also the latest in Belle's Beachwear.

"BEACHIE" (OTHER SIDE). Looks cutie, too. She is Anne Jeffreys, soon to be seen in R.K.O. Radio's "Trail Street." Although Anne says she can swim in her flowered two-piece, it is officially described as "with trimmed swimwear suit." The gathered bra, and elastic-sided—ah—panties are the newest and latest.

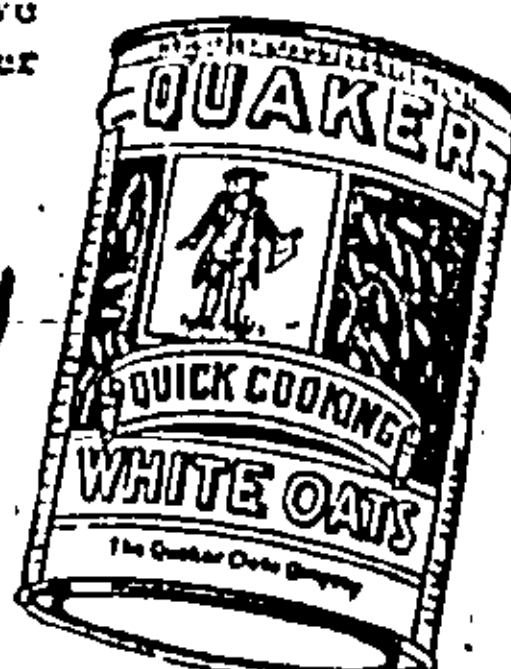


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SMUTS ON WORLD PEACE  
Far East Shrouded In Shadows Of The Future  
The British Empire  
And America

London, May 23.

A third world power grouping consisting of Western Europe and Britain is taking form, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, said in an address broadcast by the BBC on Sunday night.

SOLDIERS  
STORM  
THEATRE

Shanghai, May 24.

Hundreds of Chinese soldiers, many of whom were accompanied by their families, stormed the Kung Wu Tai "Peking Opera" Theatre today to present a "command performance" for their benefit. Paid customers were forced out and the theatre's loss was estimated at CN\$200,000,000—about US\$700.

The theatre Guild today planned a new protest to the Ministry of National Defence. The command performance followed the recent incident when soldiers hurled a barrage of bricks at the theatre, injuring seven in the audience when the management refused them free seats.

Some of the soldiers forced their way into the Kung Wu Tai theatre from the rear as early as 9 am, and then opened the front doors through which rushed their cohorts standing by ready for the opening. The police was called but by the time they arrived more than 1,500 soldiers and companions had filled the seats. The soldiers threatened that unless the play was staged they would wreck the place. There were not enough police to prevent the demand. The play went on after which the soldiers tramped out.—United Press.

Britain, he asserted, is destined to play a major role in the consolidation of Western Europe, and he foresaw an "Atlantic Plan" which would enable the British Empire to collaborate closely with the United States.

Close association between the Empire and the US is not only feasible but necessary, Marshal Smuts said.

"The USA and the USSR occupy top rank among the world powers," Smuts said on the eve of Empire Day.

"Two great poles of power face each other across the curtain: the USA in the West, the USSR in the East, while the Far East is still shrouded in the shadows of the future... it is against this power background that we must review our concepts of Commonwealth and Empire."

Turning to Europe, Smuts said, "The doom which has befallen the old Motherlands of the West can only be retrieved by the European peoples coming together. Though Benelux, the five-power Brussels pact and the European Recovery Plan this great move has begun. With strong American backing and British sponsorship, it may yet turn the present defeat and disaster of Europe into one of the finest achievements of statesmanship—a European Union, a new period of time which will save our Western civilisation."—Associated Press.

## Ho Refuses Nomination

Nanking, May 24.

General Ho Ying-chin announced late last night that he has prevailed upon President Chiang Kai-shek not to nominate him for the post of Premier in China's new Government.

At a press conference called at his official residence shortly before midnight, General Ho said that he had obtained the President's permission to decline the appointment when he conferred with the Chief Executive at dinner last night.

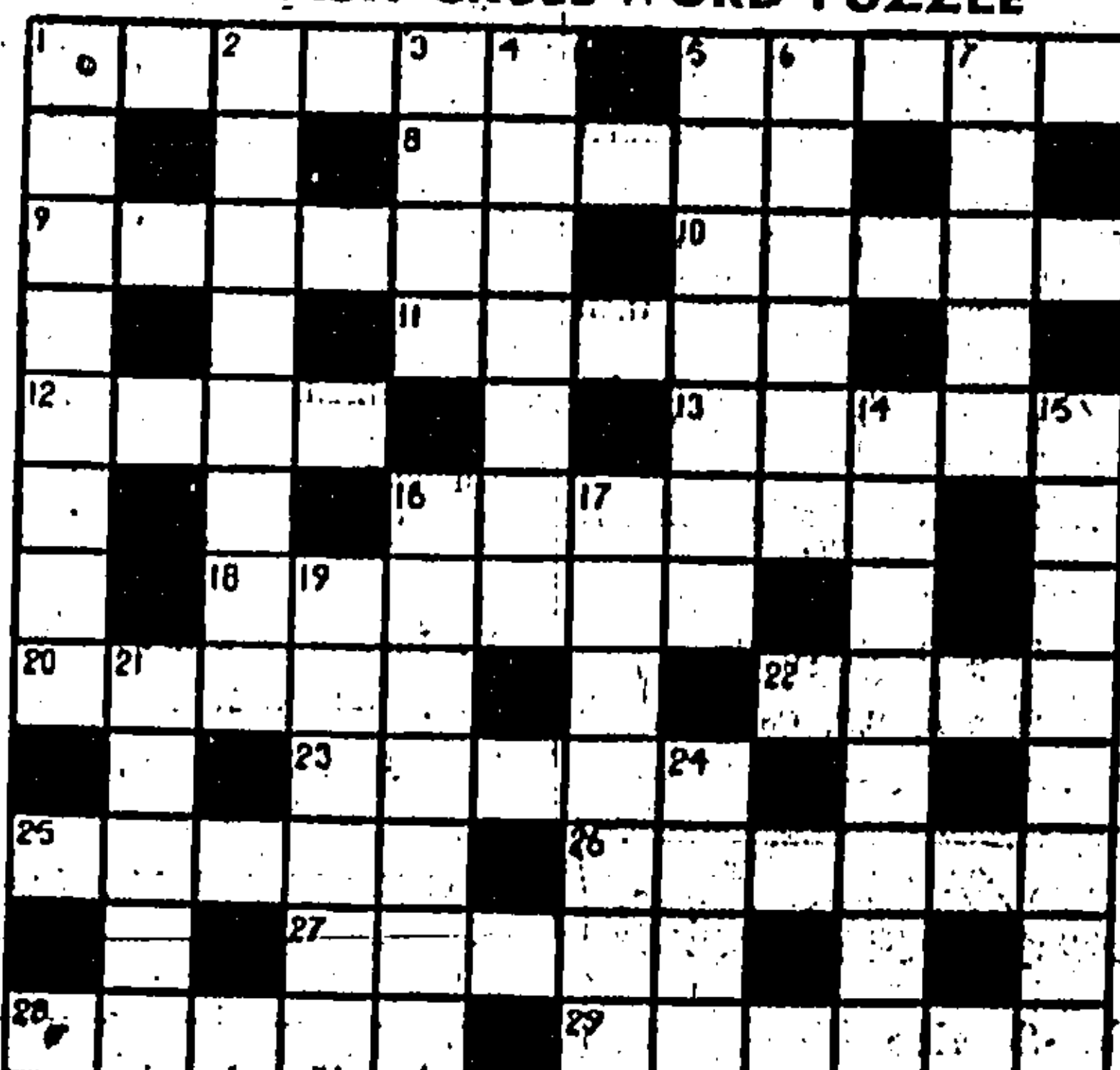
The general said that he was gratified over the fact that many Kuomintang legislators voiced their support of his nomination as Premier, but stated that, as a military man, he is not well acquainted with the political situation in this country.

General Ho said that he spent all his time during the last 30 years serving in the army, and had no first-hand knowledge of political conditions in China during the years when he was abroad in the United States as China's representative to the United Nations Military Committee.

He said that with constitutional rule now in force, the need for reform was urgent, and he did not consider himself sufficiently well equipped to take on the job.

The appointment of a new Premier should be completed as swiftly as possible, he added.—Reuter-AAP.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

1 Aeroplane shed.  
3 Foolishness.  
8 Journal.  
9 Russian council.  
10 Old saying.  
11 Stock.  
12 Carousal.  
13 Refraining from food.  
16 Outcome.

## Clues Down

1 Famous.  
2 Sleep.  
3 Imitates.  
4 Toys.  
5 Timorous.  
6 Sovereign trial.  
7 Of short weight.  
14 Foreigner.  
15 Caved in.  
16 Communication.  
17 Withdraws.  
18 Difficult.  
21 Centre.  
24 Extinct bird.

Yesterday's Crossword  
Across—1 Trough, 5 Excel, 8 Lien, 9 Concur, 11 Canto, 12 Sheikh, 14 Pang, 16 Names, 18 Suite, 19 Sum, 20 Escute, 24

Down—1 Trough, 2 Own, 3 Glue, 4 Hivings, 5 Enchant, 6 Condemn, 7 Lioness, 8 Cheat, 13 Equable, 14 Pouring, 15 Names, 17 Aunts, 19 Spurns, 21 List, 23 Suite, 24 Eggs.

"LOYAL OPPOSITION"  
OF LEGISLATIVE YUAN

Nanking, May 24.

Anti-Chen Li-fu legislators last night formed themselves into the "loyal opposition" of the Legislative Yuan.

Obligations  
Preference

London, May 24.

Britain's obligations to the United Nations are above even commitments to King Abdullah under the treaty with Trans-Jordan, a White Hall informant said today.

This source, who may not further be identified, said Britain will have every right to reconsider aspects of her treaty with the Arab King if Abdullah ignores the United Nations appeal for a cease-fire today.

He said there is a "possibility" Britain may withdraw the 40 British officers serving with Abdullah's Transjordan Legion of the U.N. call is ignored by the Arabs.

On this matter a spokesman for the Foreign Office would say only: "Let us wait until the cease-fire ultimatum expires before speculating on what is going to happen."

The U.N. Security Council asked both Israeli and Arab forces in Palestine to still their guns at 0700 GMT today. The Jews have said they would if the Arabs would, too.

Lewis Douglas, U.S. Ambassador, talked with Foreign Secretary Bevin again today. Douglas was understood to have submitted certain U.S. State Department answers to questions Bevin put to him in their conference on Saturday.

The White Hall source reported a joint American-British move may follow in the United Nations. He emphasised that Bevin is anxious to find "a basis of common policy" with the United States. Britain's differences with Washington were described as being over the best way to obtain a truce rather than over the question of a truce itself.—Associated Press.

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## STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

## ARRIVALS

| SHIP        | FROM               | DUE       |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| "ORBITA"    | U.K.               | 27th May  |
| "TREVELYAN" | Japan              | 27th May  |
| "TREVEAN"   | U.K. and Continent | 28th May  |
| "ORBITA"    | via Straits        | 28th May  |
| "TREVOSE"   | Shanghai           | 4th June  |
| "TREVEAN"   | U.K. and Continent | 17th June |
| "TREVEAN"   | Japan              | 22nd June |

## SAILINGS

| SHIP        | TO                                                                                           | SAILING   |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| "ORBITA"    | Shanghai                                                                                     | 28th May  |
| "TREVELYAN" | Shanghai, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) | 31st May  |
| "TREVEAN"   | Shanghai & Japan                                                                             | 31st May  |
| "ORBITA"    | Shanghai & Japan                                                                             | 31st May  |
| "TREVOSE"   | Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)   | 24th June |

British



India

## STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

## ARRIVALS

| SHIP     | FROM               | DUE       |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| "TURNER" | Shanghai           | 29th May  |
| "OZARDA" | Bombay             | 7th June  |
| "TURNER" | Bombay via Straits | 31st May  |
| "OZARDA" | Shanghai           | 10th June |

## SAILINGS

| SHIP     | TO                 | SAILING   |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| "TURNER" | Bombay via Straits | 31st May  |
| "OZARDA" | Shanghai           | 10th June |

## APCAR LINE

## ARRIVALS

| SHIP       | FROM               | DUE       |
|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| "SANGOLA"  | Japan & Amoy       | In port   |
| "SIRDHANA" | Calcutta & Straits | 16th June |

## SAILINGS

| SHIP       | TO                                    | SAILING   |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| "SANGOLA"  | Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta | 25th May  |
| "SIRDHANA" | Amoy & Shanghai                       | 19th June |

\* Has Refrigerated Cargo Space.

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Australian

## STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED

## ARRIVALS

| SHIP      | FROM               | DUE       |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| "NANKIN"  | Japan & Shanghai   | 28th May  |
| "NELLORE" | Australia & Manila | 10th June |

## SAILINGS

| SHIP      | TO                                           | SAILING   |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| "NANKIN"  | Manila, Sandakan, Rangoon, Brisbane & Sydney | 7th June  |
| "NELLORE" | Shanghai & Japan                             | 14th June |

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## JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

| Arrivals                             | Salings                            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| "TUTJALENGKA" In port                | to Javaports & Macassar, 20th May. |
| "TJISADANE" from Macassar, 25th May. | to Javaports & Macassar, 9th June. |
| "TJIBESAR" In port                   | to Macassar & Javaports, 28th May. |

## ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

| Arrivals                 | Salings                                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" In port | Sailing to Shanghai & Kobe, May 25th.                     |
|                          | to South Africa, via Manila, Straits & Batavia, 6th June. |
|                          | to Shanghai & Japan, 12th June.                           |
|                          | to South Africa, South America, 20th June.                |

|                                                          |                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| "TEGELBERG" from South America, South Africa, 10th June. | to South Africa, South America, 20th June.  |
| "RUYS" from South Africa, South America, end July.       | to South Africa, South America, Mid August. |

Transshipment cargo on through Hs/L to Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa, Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

## SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

| Arrivals                                             | Salings                          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| "VAN HEUTSZ" from B. Dell & Straits, 29th May.       | to Straits & B. Dell, 7th June.  |
| "HEINRICH JESSEN" from B. Dell & Straits, 11th June. | to Straits & B. Dell, 18th June. |

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

| Arrivals                                      | Salings                           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| "RIDDERKERK" from Japan & Shanghai, 29th May. | to Europe via Straits, 31st May.  |
| "MARIEKERK" from Europe, 5th June.            | to Europe via Straits, 7th July.  |
| "MOLENKERK" from Europe, 26th June.           | to Europe via Straits, 28th July. |

Transshipment cargo on through Hs/L accepted to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

Agents: SILVER LINE LTD.

| Arrivals                                         | Salings                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| "SILVEROAK" from U.S. Atlantic Ports, 10th June. | to U.S. Atlantic Ports, 11th June. |

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EXPRESS CARGO LINER SERVICES  
TO AND FROM PACIFIC & ATLANTIC COASTS  
LOADING DATES IN U.S.A.

| Loads                          | Date       | Vessel              |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | Mid. June  | m.v. "DONA ANICETA" |
|                                | Early July | m.v. "TONGHAI"      |
|                                | Late July  | m.v. "MINDORO"      |

## ARRIVALS

| From                           | Date      | Vessel             |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | 17th June | s.s. "DONA AURORA" |
|                                | Mid. July | m.v. "DONA NATI"   |

## SAILINGS

| For                                            | Date      | Vessel             |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles                 | 23rd June | s.s. "DONA AURORA" |
| Atlantic Coast via San Francisco & Los Angeles | Mid. July | m.v. "DONA NATI"   |
|                                                | 26th June | m.v. "HALLAND"     |

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MACAO DEPARTURE: MACAO DEPARTURE:

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## CHINA AID PROGRAMME

## Working Out Plans This Week

Washington, May 23.

Economic Cooperation Administration officials said today that plans for the carrying out of the \$463,000,000 China aid programme are expected to advance considerably in a series of conferences this week.

## H.K. Stock Exchange

Quiet but moderately steady.  
H.K. GOVT. LOANS:  
4% Loan 10 1/2  
5 1/2% Loan (1934) 100 1/2  
5 1/2% Loan (1944) 100 1/2

BANKS:  
H.K. & S. Bank 21 1/2, 21 1/2  
(Lon. Rev.) 41 1/2  
Chartered Bank 41 1/2, 41 1/2  
Merrill Lynch & Co. 41 1/2, 41 1/2  
Bank of East Asia 14 1/2

INSURANCE:  
Canton Ins. 40 1/2  
China Ins. 37 1/2, 37 1/2, 37 1/2  
China Underwriters 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2  
H.K. Fire Ins. 25 1/2

SHIPPING:  
H.K. S.S. Co. 23 1/2  
H.K. & S. Steamship 15 1/2  
Indo China (Indo.) 11 1/2, 11 1/2  
(Indo.) 11 1/2, 11 1/2

Shell (H.K.) 11 1/2  
H.K. & S. 11 1/2  
H.K. & S. 11 1/2  
H.K. & S. 11 1/2

H.K. Docks 32 1/2, 32 1/2, 32 1/2  
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MINING:  
H.K. Mines 11 1/2  
H.K. Mines 11 1/2  
H.K. Mines 11 1/2

LAND, HOTEL & BUILDING:  
H.K. & S. 14 1/2, 14 1/2, 14 1/2  
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H.K. Lands 8 1/2  
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H.K. Estates 14 1/2  
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PUBLIC UTILITIES:  
H.K. Tramways 24 1/2  
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Peak Tram (H.K.) 20 1/2  
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## Development In S. China

Canton, May 24.  
The disposal of American loans and the development of South China industries are reported to be the subject of negotiations now being carried on between the Canton Branch of the Central Bank of China and the Government at Nanking.

At the same time, it is reported that the Chinese Government has decided to establish an American Aid Disposal Commission in Canton.

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## Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at \$325.50 a troy ounce or less to this level, closing at \$324.

Highest and lowest rates of the day were \$325.25 and \$323.00 respectively. The market was quiet but steady.

Deliveries totalled 6,400 taels, of which 3,400 were official and 3,000 unofficial.

Platinum opened at \$10.92 1/2 a 100 and went up to \$10.95. In the afternoon they dropped to \$10.80 and were unchanged up to the close.

Chinese National Currency took another step down the ladder after opening at 4.65 cents for futures and 4.75 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000), closed at 4.5 cents and 4.55 cents respectively.

Ticals, after remaining stationary at \$25.00 a 100 for the past week, yesterday moved up to \$26.00. In the afternoon the rate eased off slightly to \$25.90.

NEI Guilders were quoted at \$42.10 a 100.

U.S. dollars visibly strengthened and yesterday rose to \$3.45.

Sterling was quoted at \$14.40, and Australian pounds at \$12.55.

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## Nationalists Capture Red Base

Shanghai, May 24.

Striking with vigour and speed, General Fu Tso Yi's forces in north Shansi captured the Communist base of Hweijien, 20 miles southwest of the Government bastion of Tating and lifted the 40 day Red siege of Yungshien in a surprise counter-offensive, according to a pro-Government despatch today.

"Heavy" Red losses are said to include the battalion wiped out at Yungshien. The main objective of the drive was to ensure the smooth functioning of the Peiping-Suiyuan railway, the reports added.

A new push was launched despite the outbreak of fighting in central Hopedai, along the Peiping-Paoing railway, where Communist General Nieh-Yung Chen threw in 20,000 men against the Nationalist positions between Peiping and Hsiao-fu, 15 miles to the north. The Communists are reported to be attacking under the cover of a heavy artillery barrage.

The full on the south Jehol front continued, but an almost unending stream of Communist reinforcements is said to be pouring into the area from the east. The latest arrivals are reported to include a mixed Japanese equipped division, composed of Chinese, Japanese and Koreans.

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